Archdiocesan Restructuring Workbook

Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

Detroit

Planning Area 1

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About the Workbook

There are three sections of this workbook, each one equips priests and key parish leaders with essential data about:

1) The Archdiocese of Detroit
2) Your planning area
3) Your parish

This workbook serves as a planning resource to support thoughtful reflection on the current strengths and future opportunities for ministry and evangelization within each planning area.

Prayer for Archdiocesan Restructuring

Come, Holy Spirit.

Make your presence known as we restructure the parishes
and ministries of our archdiocese.

Be our light on the path we walk together.
Help us hear your voice in the quiet of our own hearts,
in the wisdom of others and in the world around us.

We know you are with us in every step of the process.
Give us clarity, understanding, and direction.
In all things, help us share the light of your love. Amen.

Ste. Anne, pray for us.
Blessed Solanus Casey, pray for us.
Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

Why Archdiocesan Restructuring?

Many parishes were built or grew in a time when Christian values and assumptions were the norm. Faith was inherited and the Church held cultural influence.

There is no doubt that the culture around us, both in the United States and locally in the Archdiocese of Detroit, has changed. The mission, however, has not; it has always been to “go and make disciples” (Matthew 28:19)

Why Archdiocesan Restructuring?

I dream of a "missionary option", that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-perseveration.

Evangelii Gaudium, 27

Why Archdiocesan Restructuring?

The renewal of structures demanded by pastoral conversion can only be understood in this light, as part of an effort to make them more mission-oriented, to make ordinary pastoral activity on every level more inclusive and open, to inspire in pastoral workers a constant desire to go forth and in this way to elicit a positive response from all those whom Jesus summons to friendship with himself.

Evangelii Gaudium, 27

Archdiocesan Restructuring Process

Why?

As we move forward on mission, we must first address the challenges of our changing culture, which include demographic and financial shifts, a decline in the practice of the faith, and fewer priests serving our archdiocese. These challenges have resulted in limited resources to serve, sustain, and grow the Church in Detroit.

How?

The Archdiocesan Restructuring process will examine the existing Families of Parishes structure, as well as the structure of the Curia, to discern how we can be structured and how our resources can be best aligned "for the evangelization of today's world rather than for [our] self-preservation" (Evangelii Gaudium, 27).

Archdiocesan Restructuring Challenges

Our Goal for Restructuring

Develop a new pastorate model authored by the Holy Spirit that establishes a vibrant Catholic presence in every area of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Vibrant Parishes

Gospel renewal in our parishes and other ministry efforts

Flourishing Priests

Priests flourishing in their ministry to parishes and the greater community

Mission Ready

Secure a vibrant future for the Church of Detroit

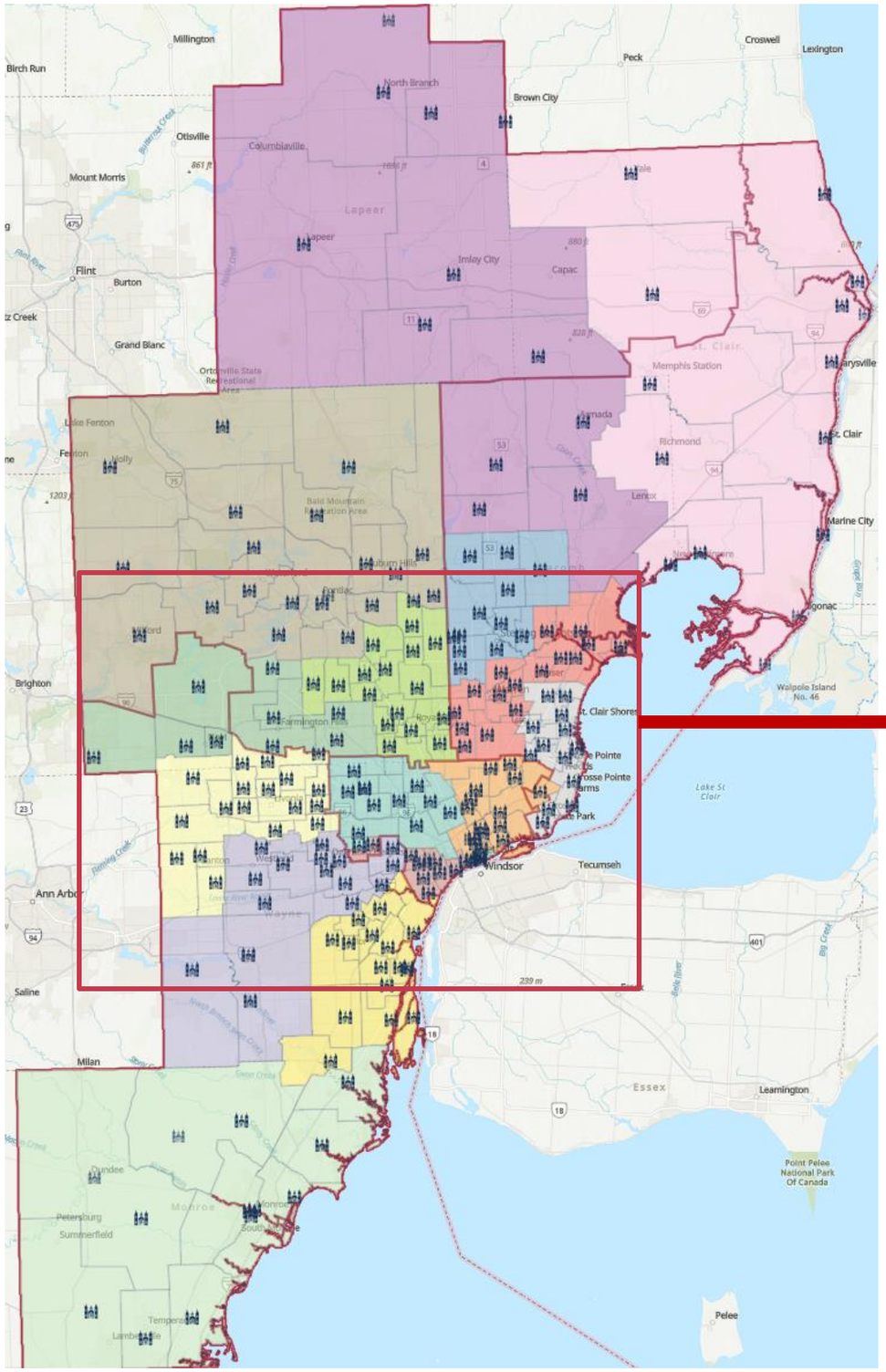
Section One

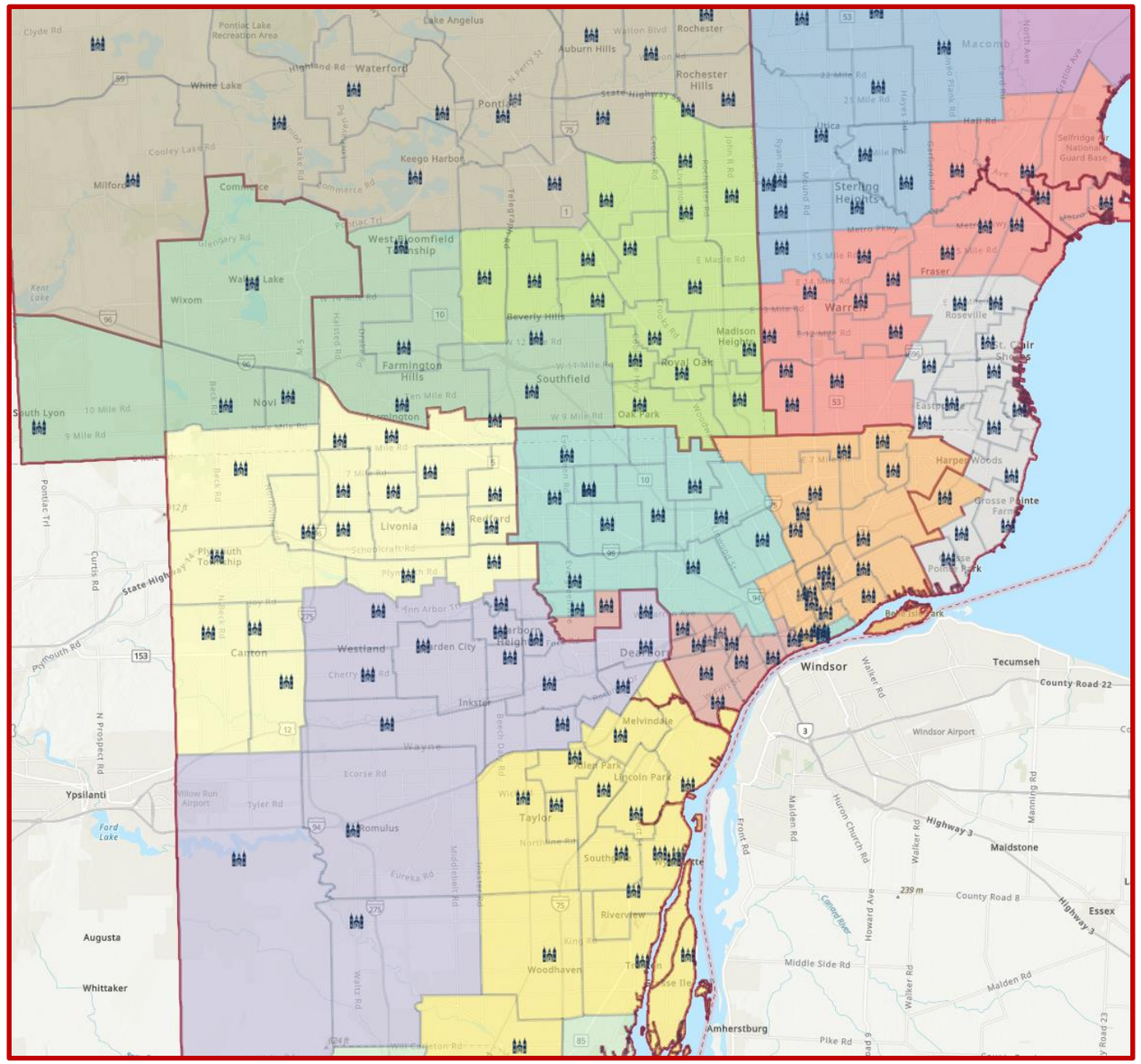
The Archdiocese of Detroit

About our Archdiocese

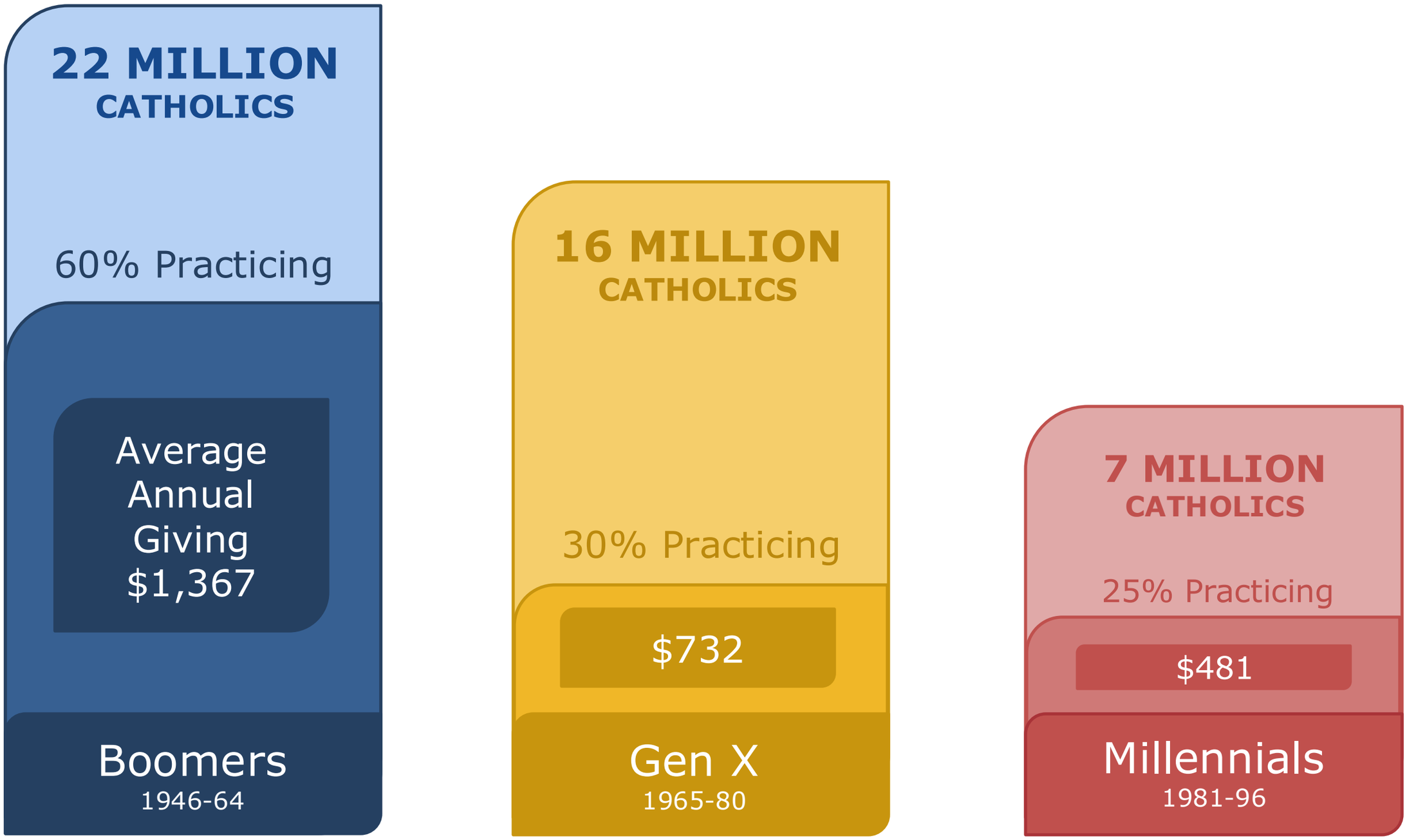
- The Archdiocese of Detroit is comprised of 209 parishes encompassing the City of Detroit and six surrounding counties – a large and diverse territory: urban, suburban and rural.
- Our local church has been declining for several decades as older Catholics move or die and there are insufficient number of young Catholics to take their place.
- This is best exemplified by the significant decline in the number of births and baptisms in our diocese.
- As our Catholic population has moved from the city to the near suburbs and from the near suburbs to the farther out suburbs, this has resulted in too few priests in large parishes and too many priests in small parishes.
- Our diocesan priests are aging and the number of priests to serve our Catholic population is declining.
- Over the past decade, Mass attendance has been on a steady decline. Despite a rebound from 2020 to 2024, Mass attendance remains 14.7% below pre-COVID levels.
- The current average rate of Mass attendance decline each year across the Archdiocese is 4%.

Our Territory for Evangelization



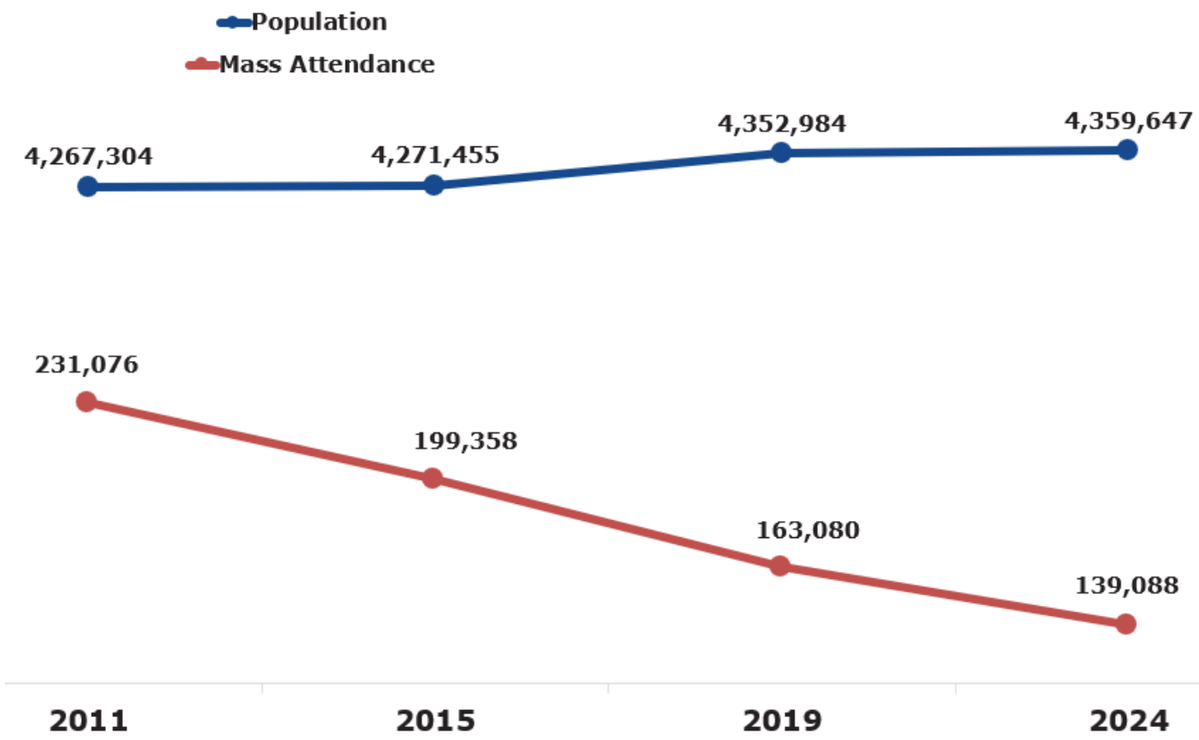


Nationally, Practice and Generosity are Declining with Each Generation



Source: Catholic Leadership Institute | CARA | Pew Research

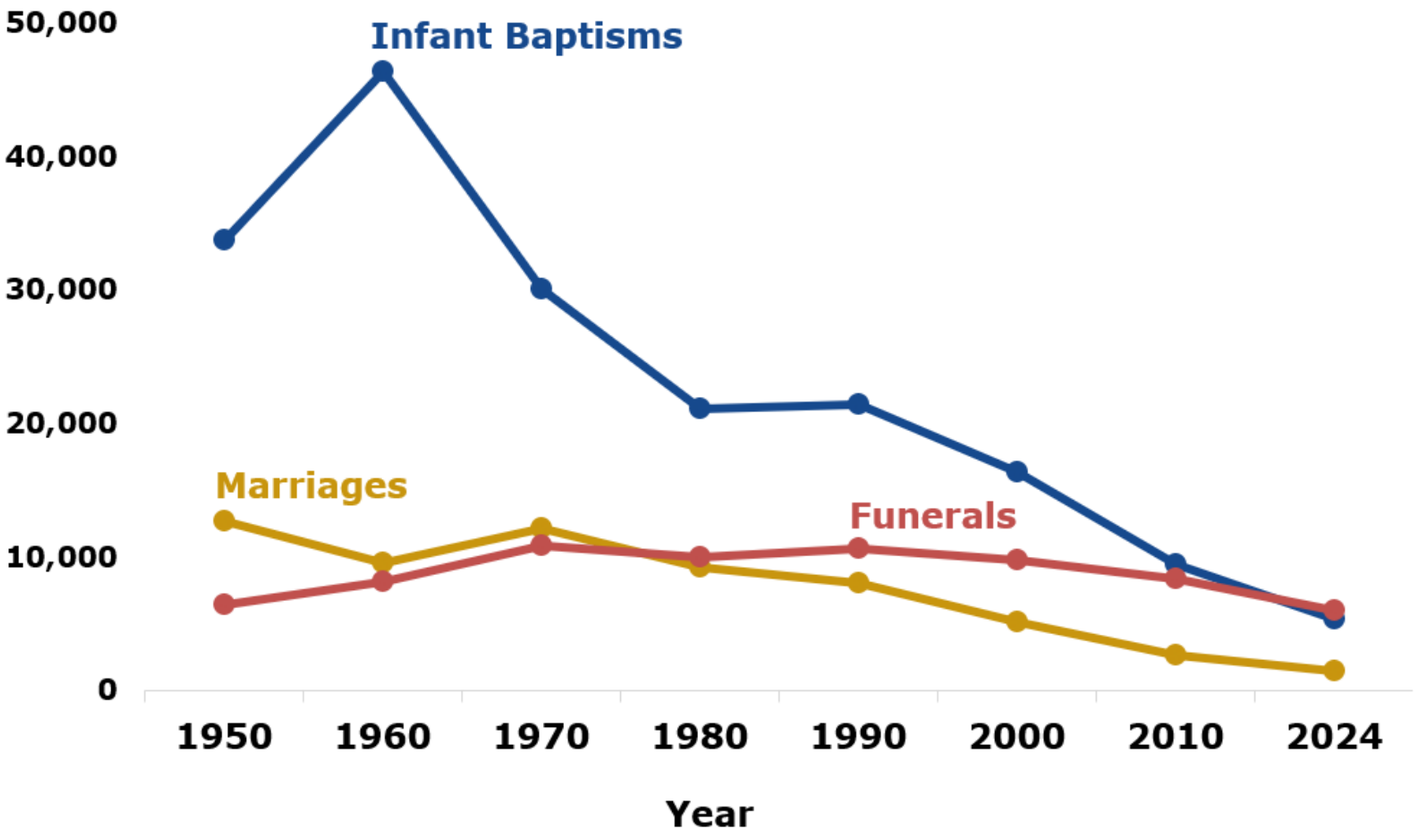
As Greater Detroit Population Grows, Regular Mass Attendance Continues to Decline



Population Source: Michigan Senate Fiscal Agency

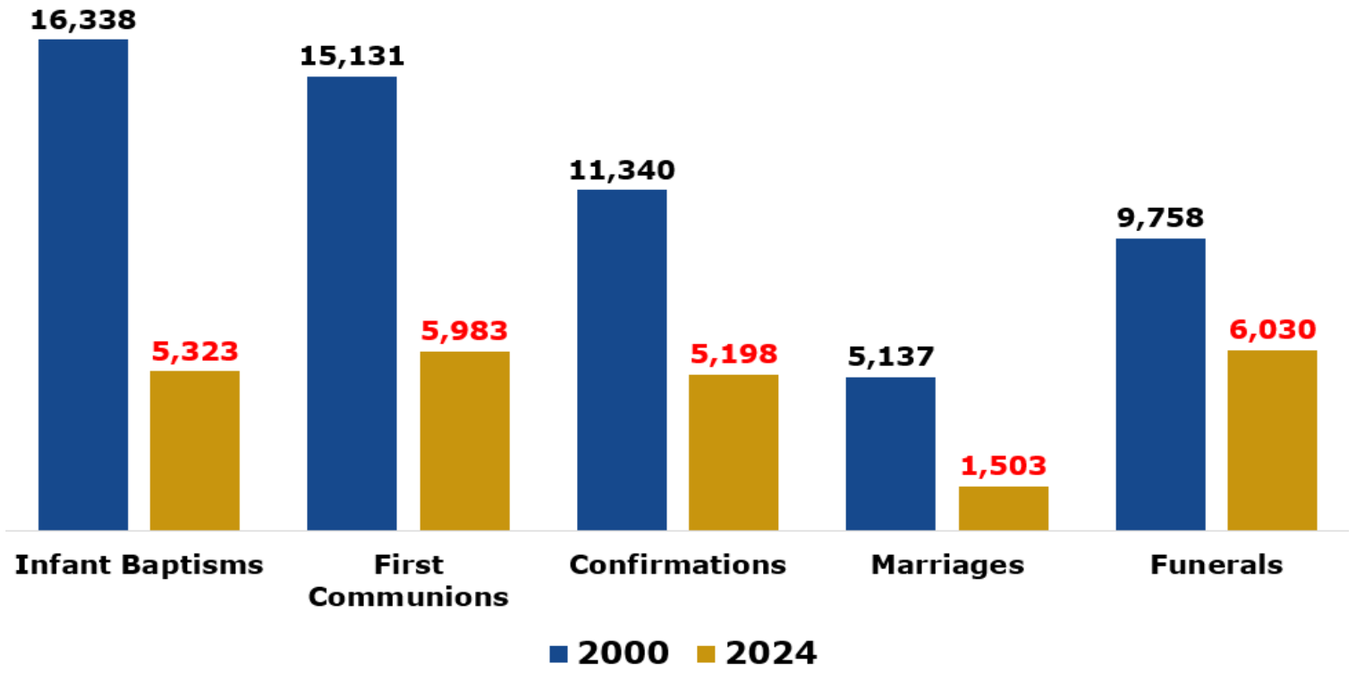
- **Mass attendance has declined by nearly 92,000 people since 2011, dropping from 231,076 to 139,088 by 2024 – a 40% decrease in just 13 years.**
- The decline is persistent across every period, not a one-time drop:
  - 2011 -> 2015: down 31,718 (-13.7%)
  - 2015 -> 2019: down 36,278 (-18.2%)
  - 2019 -> 2024: down 23,993 (-14.7%)
- On average, Mass attendance has fallen by about 4% per year, meaning roughly 1 in every 25 regular attendees is lost annually if the trend continues.
- At the current rate of decline, one-third of today's Mass-attending Catholics will no longer be attending within the next decade.
- In 2024, only 29% of pews were occupied across the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Our Church is Growing Older, Not Younger



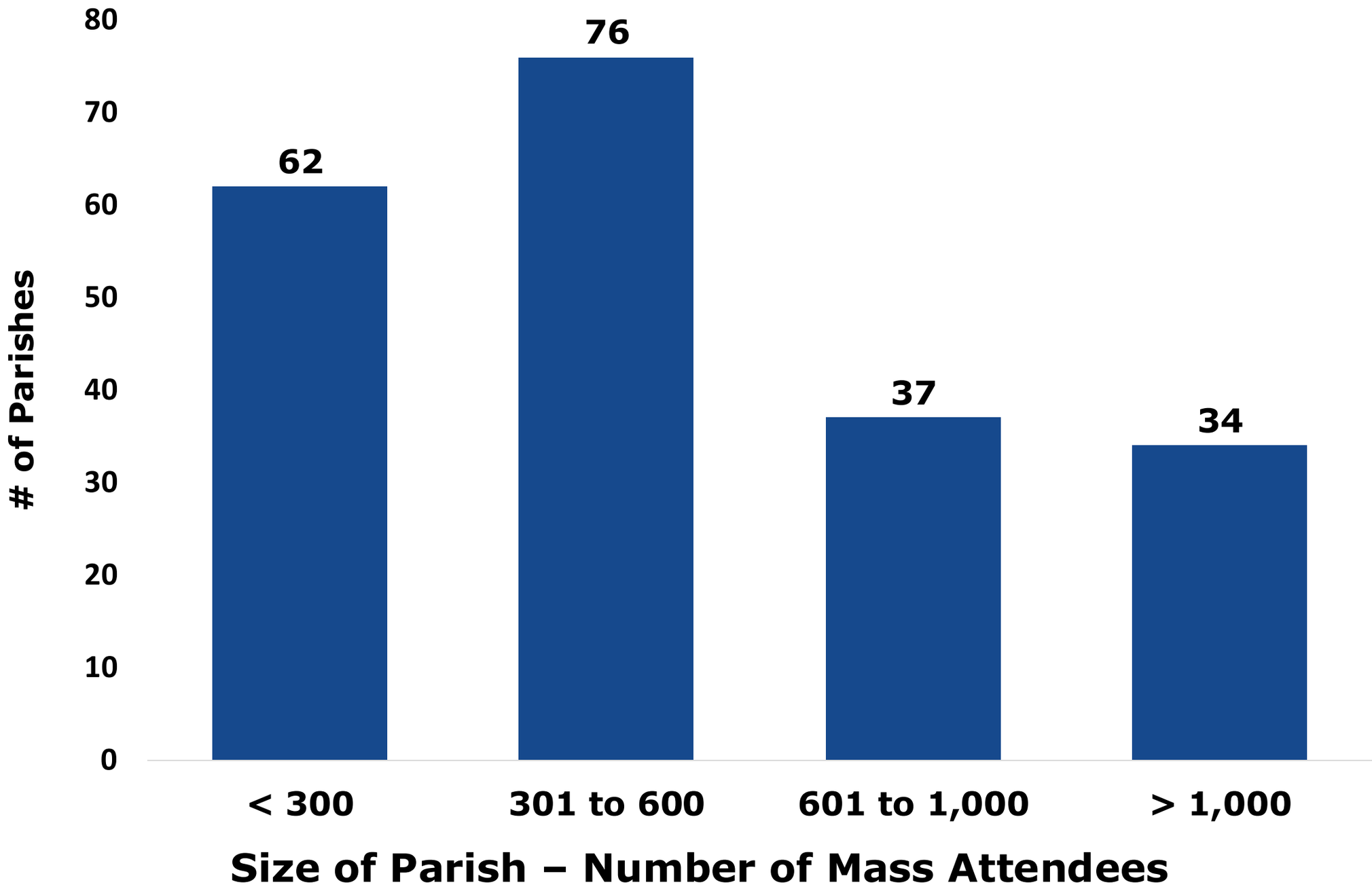
- Infant baptisms have declined the most dramatically—by roughly 60-70% from peak to present, showing a sharp and sustained drop after an early high point and signaling a major contraction in new families entering the Church sacramentally.
- Marriages have fallen by approximately 40-50% over the period shown, with a brief early increase followed by a steady, long-term decline, ending at their lowest level in the most recent year.
- Funerals have remained comparatively stable, fluctuating within roughly a 10-20% range, before tapering downward—indicating that overall sacramental life is increasingly weighted toward later stages of life rather than beginnings.

Funerals Now Exceed All Other Sacraments

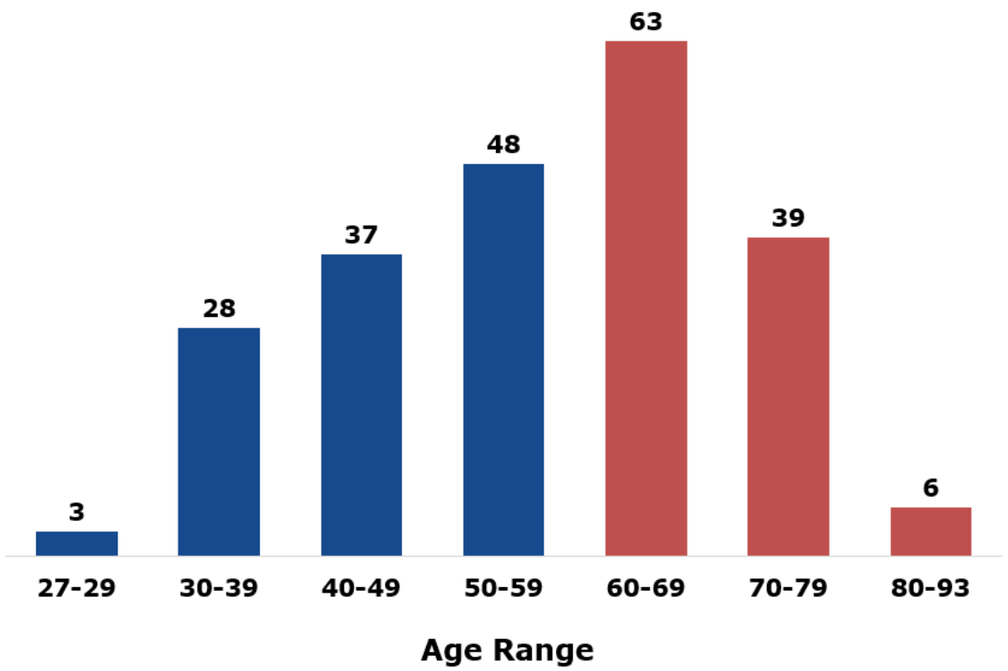


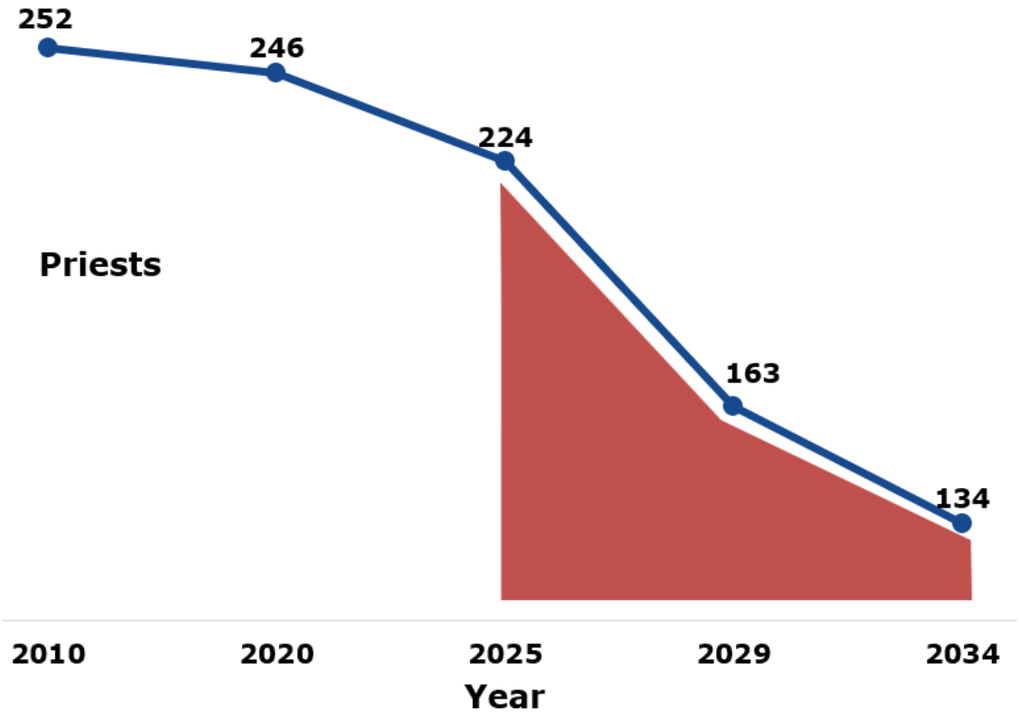
- Funerals now exceed every other sacrament at roughly 6,000 annually, surpassing baptisms, marriages, and confirmations individually.
- Baptisms and marriages remain at or below 5,000 per year, reinforcing earlier trends showing fewer people entering and forming within the Church.
- Sacramental life is increasingly concentrated at end-of-life, reflecting an aging Catholic population and a shrinking pipeline of new participants.

Today, 138 Parishes of 209 Have Under 600 Regular Mass Attendees



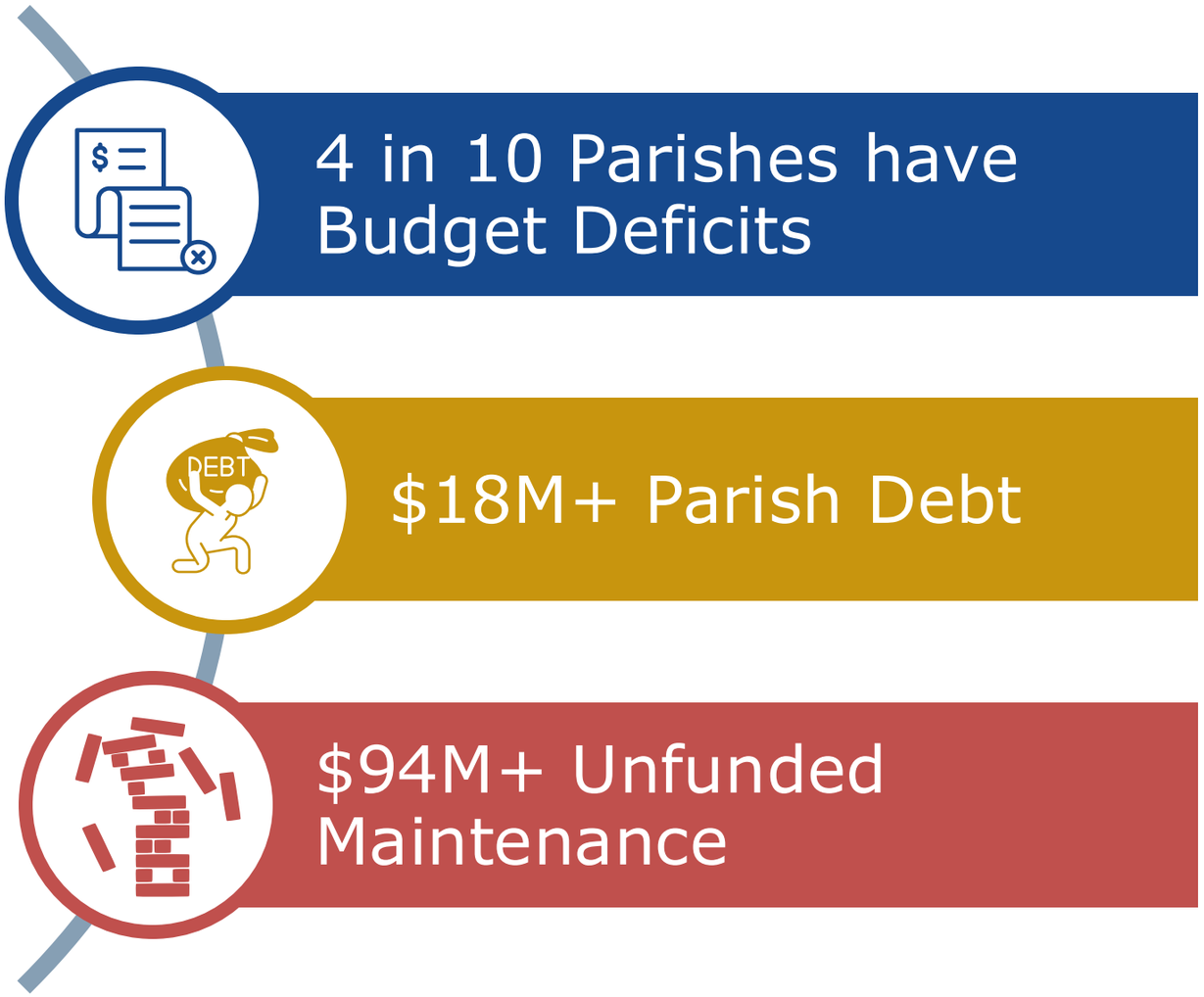
Projected Priest Supply Will Not Meet Demand





- Priests may retire from parish ministry at age 70 and must take senior status after age 80, which significantly reduces the future pool of available priests.
- The number of diocesan priests is projected to decline by roughly 25-30% over the next decade, while the diocese must continue to serve 209 parishes.
- As priests reach retirement age (70), projected supply falls below the total number of parishes, eliminating the feasibility of one priest per parish.
- The projected shortfall is equivalent to dozens of parish assignments, before accounting for parishes that require 2-3 priests.

Heavy Financial Burdens Limit Parish Freedom for Ministry and Evangelization



- With 4 in 10 parishes operating at a deficit, a growing share of parish leadership time and resources is focused on covering shortfalls rather than advancing pastoral mission.
- More than $18 million in parish debt and $94 million in unfunded maintenance are tying parish finances to buildings and past decisions instead of present evangelization and ministry.
- Financial strain increasingly directs parish energy toward sustaining facilities, limiting the capacity to invest in people, formation, and outreach central to the Church's mission.

Section Two

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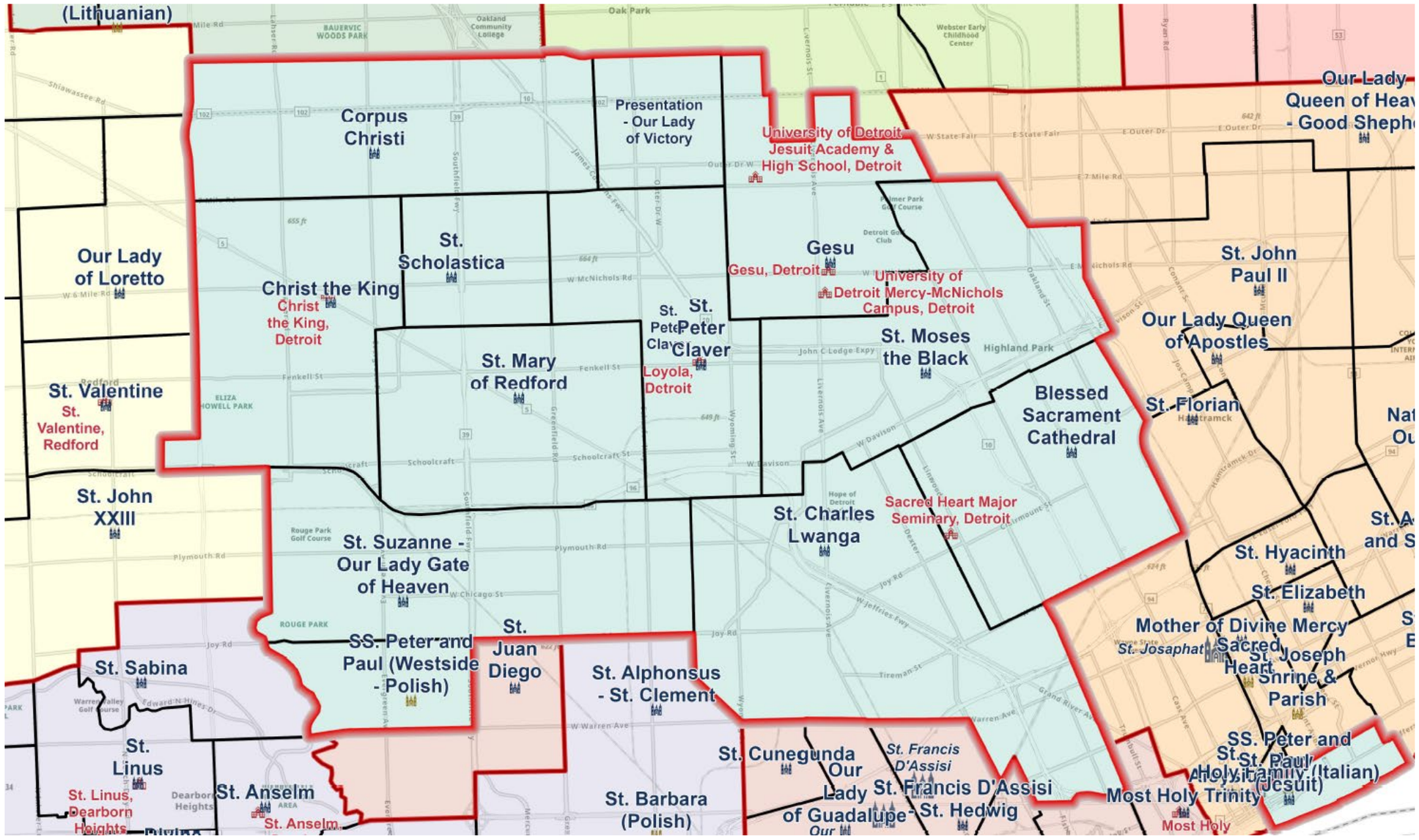

About Our Planning Area

- The planning area is located on the Westside of Detroit, within Wayne County. Its boundaries run north–south from 8 Mile Road to Warren Avenue and east–west from Telegraph Road to I-75.

- This planning area falls within the Central Region of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

- The area includes 13 territorial parishes with 11 worship sites and 2 schools. It is currently served by 4 Archdiocesan priests and 6 Religious/Extern priests.

- Parishes and church buildings are relatively close to one another; the furthest points in the area are no more than 10 miles—or about a 20-minute drive—apart.

Demographic Trends

- Total population has decreased by 11% since the 2010 census.
- Registered Catholic households have decreased 11% since 2010.
- 1.3% of total households in the area are registered Catholic, which is lower than the archdiocesan average of 5%.
- Median age is 37.9 years (up 1 year since 2010).
- Median household income in the area is $37,872, which is lower than the archdiocesan average of $72,109.
- The area's racial makeup has become more diverse, with the diversity index rising from 42 to 55 (+13 points) since 2010.

US Census Data

Parish Name	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black/African American	Hispanic /Latino	Native American	Other Race	Two or More Races	White
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral	1.1%	77.6%	2.0%	0.4%	0.8%	4.6%	15.6%
Christ the King Parish	0.4%	87.5%	1.2%	0.4%	2.5%	3.7%	5.5%
Corpus Christi Parish	0.3%	89.3%	1.7%	0.2%	0.5%	4.4%	5.2%
Gesu Parish	2.0%	85.4%	0.7%	0.1%	0.5%	3.8%	8.2%
Presentation/Our Lady of Victory Parish	0.1%	92.4%	0.2%	0.0%	1.3%	2.6%	3.6%
SS. Peter and Paul (Jesuit) Parish	3.7%	68.6%	3.5%	0.0%	0.8%	4.4%	22.5%
SS. Peter and Paul (Westside) Parish	0.2%	77.9%	9.1%	0.2%	2.6%	6.3%	12.8%
St. Charles Lwanga Parish	0.3%	84.3%	6.4%	1.1%	1.7%	7.0%	5.5%
St. Mary of Redford Parish	0.1%	91.4%	1.8%	0.3%	0.0%	4.3%	4.0%
St. Moses the Black Parish	0.1%	90.5%	0.6%	0.4%	1.1%	2.3%	5.6%
St. Peter Claver Parish	0.7%	93.1%	1.6%	0.1%	1.6%	2.1%	2.6%
St. Scholastica Parish	0.0%	94.7%	0.2%	0.7%	0.1%	1.5%	3.0%
St. Suzanne - Our Lady Gate of Heaven Parish	0.0%	88.7%	2.2%	0.1%	2.3%	5.9%	3.0%

Source: ACS 2023 (5 Year Average)

US Census Data

Parish Name	Under Age 5	Age 5-19	Age 20-24	Age 25-34	Age 35-54	Age 55-64	Age 65+
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral	4.9%	16.8%	5.9%	16.3%	25.3%	14.7%	16.1%
Christ the King Parish	9.0%	24.0%	5.2%	13.4%	22.6%	10.9%	14.9%
Corpus Christi Parish	5.6%	21.6%	4.4%	14.7%	23.5%	14.1%	16.1%
Gesu Parish	5.8%	20.6%	6.2%	13.6%	24.8%	10.6%	18.4%
Presentation/Our Lady of Victory Parish	3.1%	24.0%	4.6%	10.5%	23.3%	14.1%	20.4%
SS. Peter and Paul (Jesuit) Parish	4.6%	8.0%	5.0%	28.2%	22.2%	11.6%	20.5%
SS. Peter and Paul (Westside) Parish	10.4%	25.3%	9.3%	14.5%	24.1%	9.0%	7.4%
St. Charles Lwanga Parish	6.9%	18.5%	5.6%	15.3%	23.1%	14.5%	16.1%
St. Mary of Redford Parish	6.6%	18.5%	6.2%	15.6%	23.1%	11.9%	18.0%
St. Moses the Black Parish	7.1%	21.9%	5.1%	12.7%	24.7%	12.4%	16.2%
St. Peter Claver Parish	7.6%	18.9%	4.2%	14.4%	23.3%	13.1%	18.5%
St. Scholastica Parish	6.7%	21.4%	9.0%	11.5%	26.3%	9.9%	15.2%
St. Suzanne - Our Lady Gate of Heaven Parish	6.4%	20.9%	7.1%	15.5%	22.7%	11.6%	15.8%

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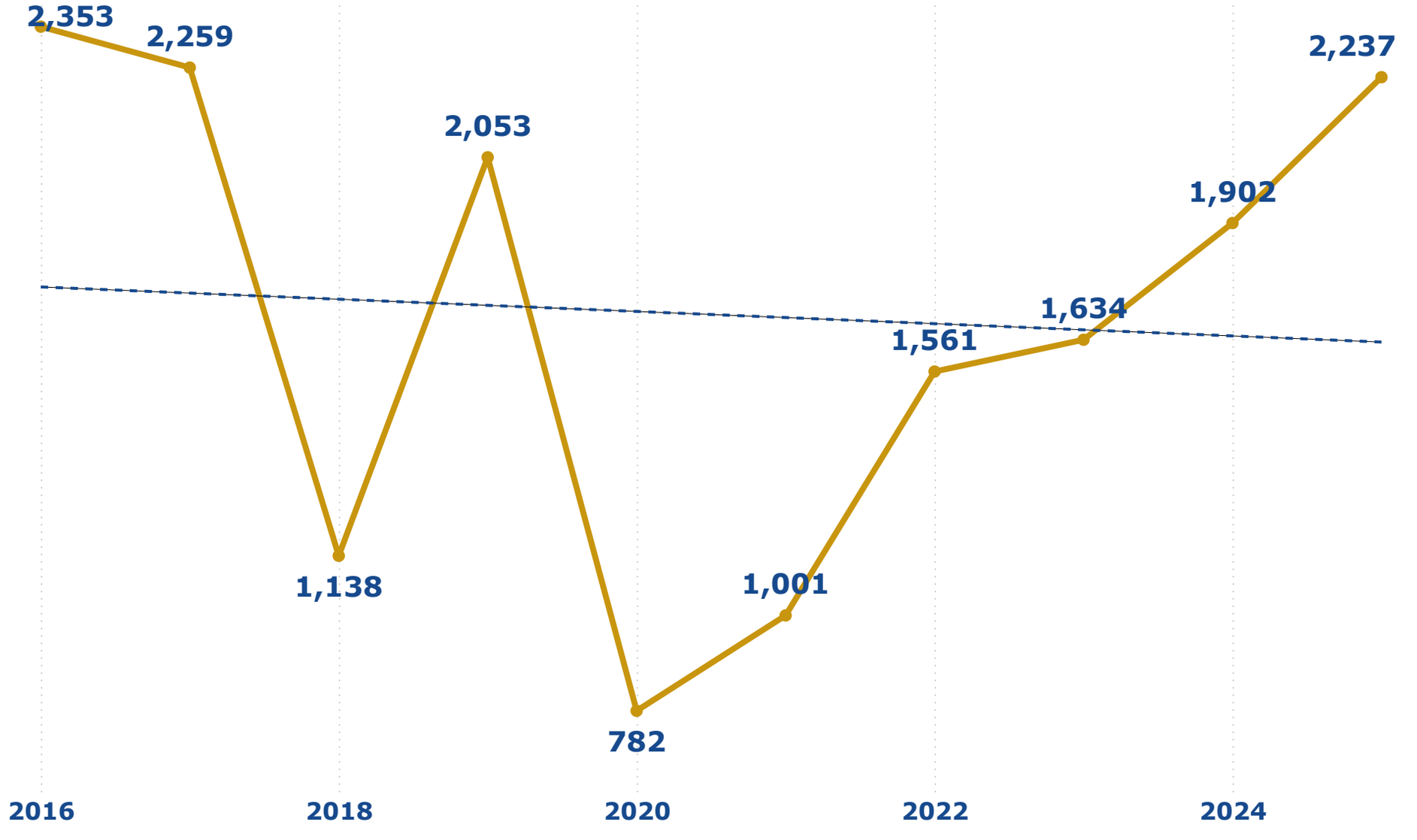
Planning Area Mass Count Trend



Mass Count and Capacity (2024)

Parish Name	Worship Sites	Mass Count	Weekend Masses	Seating Capacity	Seating Capacity per Mass*
Gesu Parish	1	380	3	520	24%
Corpus Christi Parish	1	309	3	500	21%
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral	1	243	1	850	29%
SS. Peter and Paul (Westside) Parish	1	223	4	1,200	5%
SS. Peter and Paul (Jesuit) Parish	1	163	1	700	23%
St. Moses the Black Parish	1	154	1	300	51%
St. Mary of Redford Parish	1	130	1	850	15%
St. Charles Lwanga Parish	1	98	1	1,500	7%
St. Scholastica Parish	1	65	1	1,400	5%
St. Peter Claver Parish	0	47	1	0	
Presentation/Our Lady of Victory Parish	0	46	1	0	
St. Suzanne - Our Lady Gate of Heaven Parish	1	44	1	500	9%
Christ the King Parish	1		1	400	

*(Seating Capacity × Weekend Masses) ÷ Total Mass Count

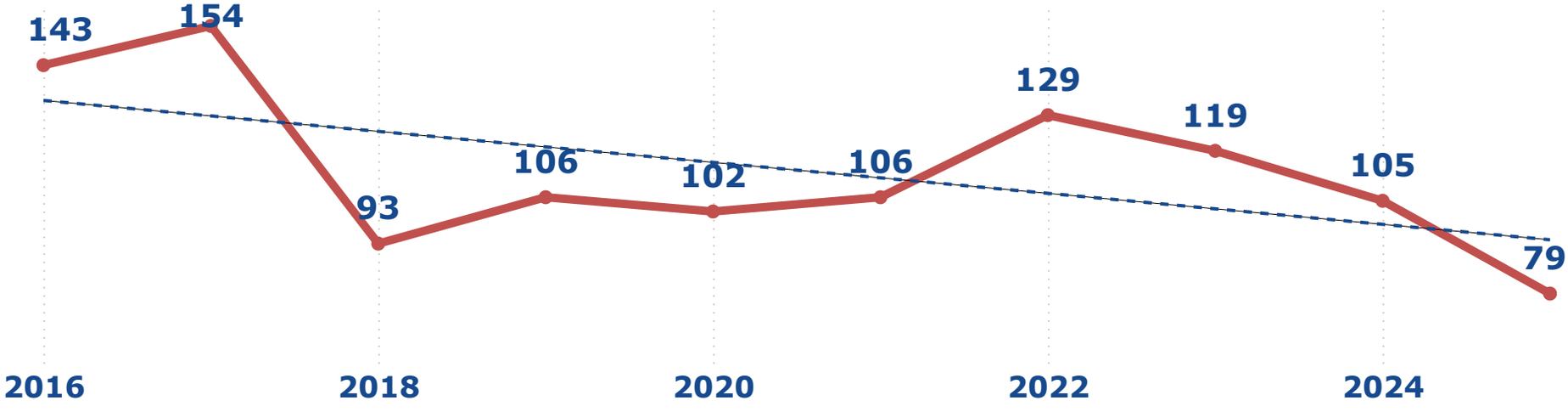
Where Parishioners Live

Parish Name	Within Parish Boundary	Within Parish (%)	Within Region Boundary	Within Region (%)	Outside Region Boundary	Outside Region (%)
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral	68	13%	107	20%	367	68%
Christ the King Parish	60	15%	89	22%	253	63%
Corpus Christi Parish	91	16%	120	21%	371	64%
Gesu Parish	173	34%	71	14%	270	53%
Presentation/Our Lady of Victory Parish	9	19%	19	40%	19	40%
SS. Peter and Paul (Jesuit) Parish	13	6%	70	31%	146	64%
SS. Peter and Paul (Westside) Parish	48	18%	26	10%	195	72%
St. Charles Lwanga Parish	30	14%	104	47%	86	39%
St. Mary of Redford Parish	62	29%	47	22%	107	50%
St. Moses the Black Parish	75	17%	177	39%	199	44%
St. Peter Claver Parish	29	20%	48	33%	69	47%
St. Scholastica Parish	100	25%	125	32%	169	43%
St. Suzanne - Our Lady Gate of Heaven Parish	27	18%	28	18%	99	64%

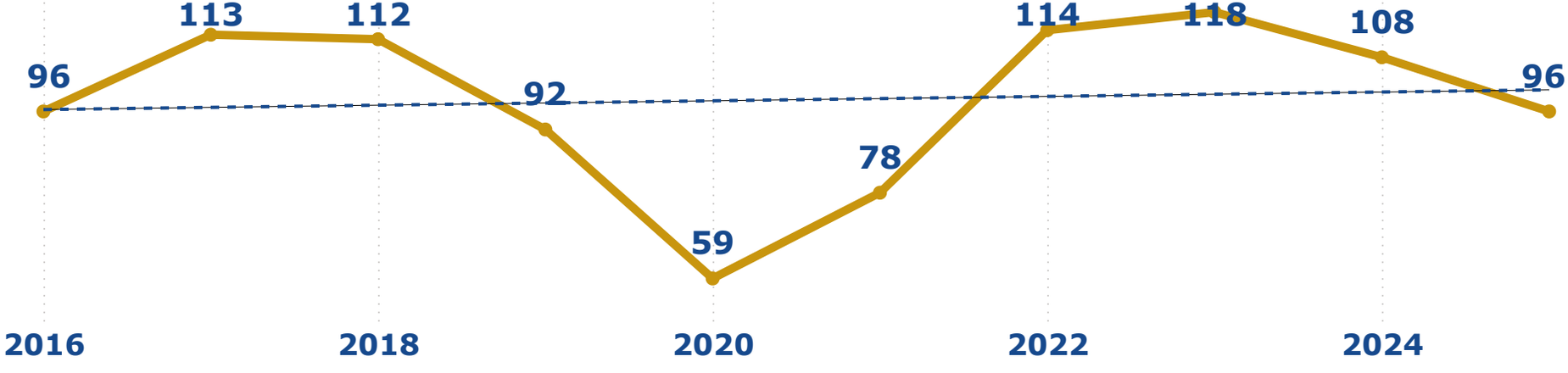
Region references the four administrative areas of the AOD-Central, South, Northwest, Northeast

Planning Area Baptisms and Funerals

Funerals



Baptisms



Sacramental Activity (2024)

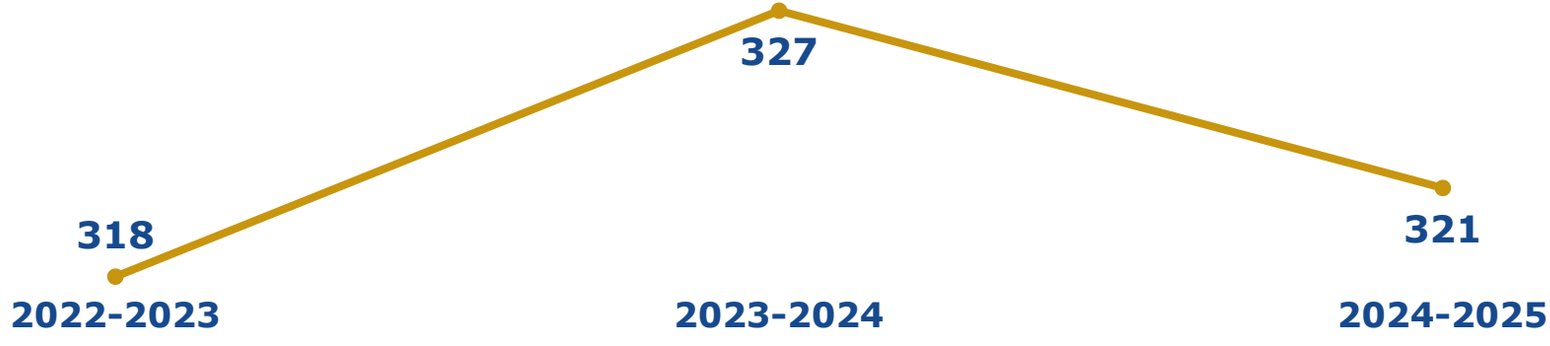
Parish Name	Funerals	Baptisms	Marriages	Confirmations	First Communions	OCIA*
Gesu Parish	22	23	3	6	6	4
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral	9	22	88	17	7	10
SS. Peter and Paul (Jesuit) Parish	4	19	34	0	1	2
Christ the King Parish	5	12	1	7	11	2
Corpus Christi Parish	3	9	1	3	7	3
St. Mary of Redford Parish	5	7	5	2	0	3
St. Charles Lwanga Parish	8	5	0	3	3	0
St. Moses the Black Parish	15	5	0	6	1	2
SS. Peter and Paul (Westside) Parish	13	3	0	1	0	0
St. Peter Claver Parish	10	2	1	0	1	0
St. Scholastica Parish	5	1	1	2	0	1
Presentation/Our Lady of Victory Parish	2	0	0	1	0	0
St. Suzanne - Our Lady Gate of Heaven Parish	4	0	0	0	0	0

*OCIA includes adult baptisms, communions, and confirmations.

Planning Area School Enrollment

Parish and School	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Christ the King Parish			
Christ the King School	83	84	68
Gesu Parish			
Gesu Catholic School	235	243	253

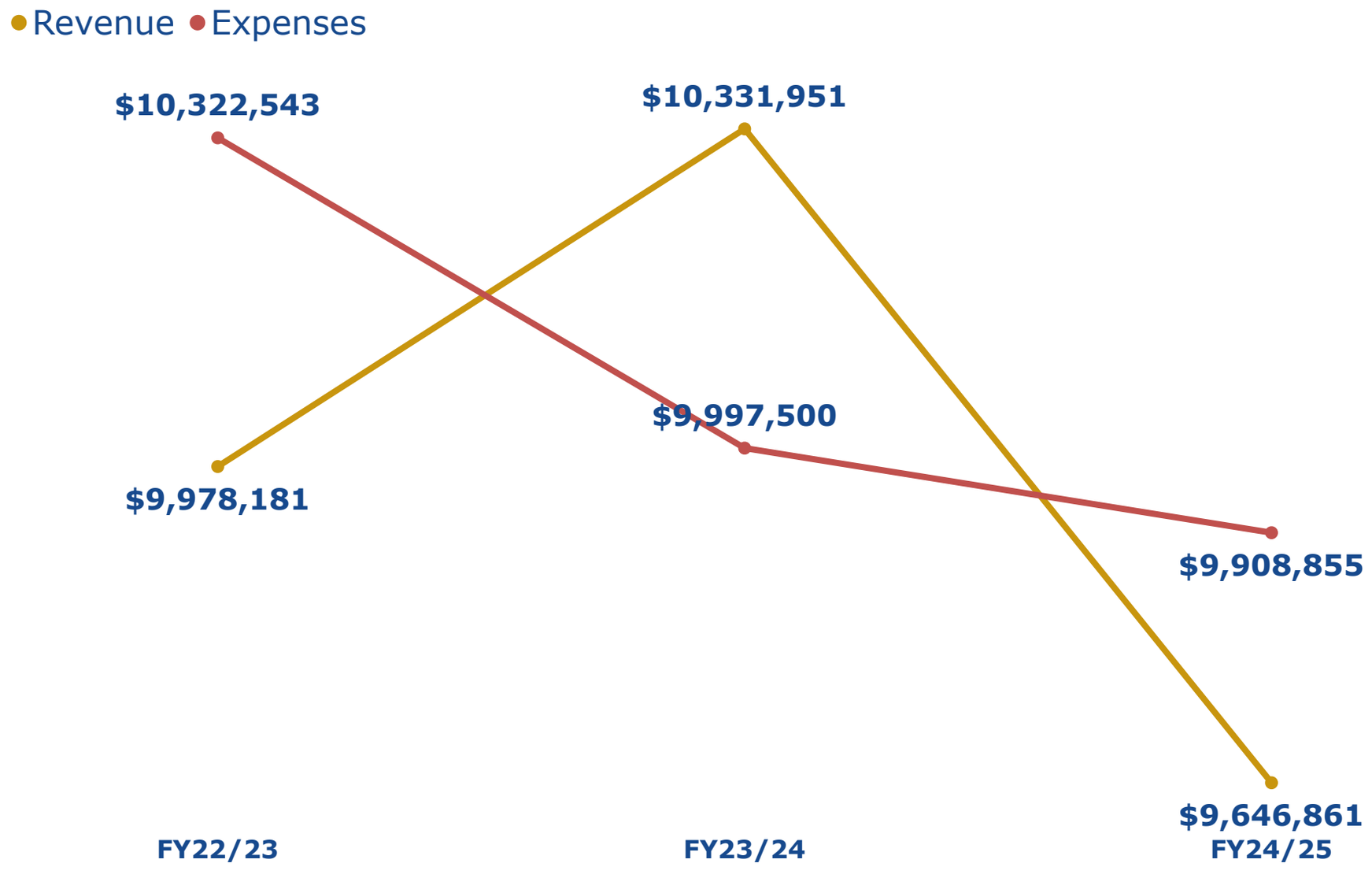
School Enrollment Trend



Definitions of data fields appearing on the following pages are provided below.
Financial information as reported by Intacct on June 30th of the last three fiscal years (2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25). If a data point is zero (0), then the parish experiences zero or did not submit information.

Collections: Funds received as weekly offerings (envelopes, online, loose), Christmas, Holy Days and other marked offerings given.
Other Revenue: All other Operating and Non-Operating funds received, such as donations, event fees, and interest.
Salary & Benefits Expense: Costs related to employee compensation, including wages, payroll taxes, pension, health insurance, and other benefits.
Contractor Expense: Costs related to contractors providing a service to the parish/school, such as Administrative Services and Janitorial.
Facilities Expense: Costs related to building expenses, utilities, and telecommunications.
Other Expense: All other operating expenses not included in the previous categories.
Capital Expense: Costs related to major repairs, renovations and other major building related purchases.
Net Income: Total Revenue minus Total Expenses (includes both Operating and Non-Operating).
Parish Subsidy: Calculated based on the net loss for the school operating unit (Elementary and/or High School).
Parish Tuition Scholarships: Funds donated to an external Catholic school for the purpose of student scholarships.
Cash: The reconciled checking account balance.
Unrestricted Savings: The sum of the unrestricted Detroit Catholic Parishes & Schools Trust account balances.
Endowments: Long-Term investments for the purpose of generating interest income to support operations over time. The endowments are limited to a 5.25% annual distribution.
Donor Restricted Trust: The sum of the restricted Detroit Catholic Parishes & Schools Trust account balances.
Bills Due: Amounts owed to vendors for goods and services received/ordered by not yet paid for.
Payable Loans: Amounts owed to lenders or financial institutions (Archdiocese of Detroit) that must be repaid over time, often with interest.
Other Liabilities: Other amounts owed by the parish/school, including any tuition collected prior to the start of the school year.

Planning Area Financial Trend



Revenue Summary (FY 24/25)

Parish Name	Collections	Rental Income	Fundraising	Tuition & Fees	Other	Total Revenue
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral	$241,241	$22,553	$52,972	$4,235	$841,617	$1,162,618
Christ the King Parish	$157,069	$303,022	$89,447	$102,006	$473,267	$1,124,810
Corpus Christi Parish	$340,739	$422,097	$20,381	$3,208	$204,301	$990,726
Gesu Parish	$583,255	$4,240	$556,600	$1,276,180	$397,593	$2,817,868
Presentation/Our Lady of Victory Parish	$84,952	$0	$8,179	$0	$46,510	$139,641
SS. Peter and Paul (Jesuit) Parish	$247,105	$73,233	$225,897	$23	$61,110	$607,367
SS. Peter and Paul (Westside) Parish	$132,598	$753,565	$0	$0	$54,375	$940,538
St. Charles Lwanga Parish	$213,075	$9,978	$0	$0	$27,227	$250,280
St. Mary of Redford Parish	$155,575	$111,187	$0	$0	$154,187	$420,948
St. Moses the Black Parish	$170,176	$0	$9,369	$0	$87,797	$267,342
St. Peter Claver Parish	$75,360	$0	$4,844	$0	$22,281	$102,485
St. Scholastica Parish	$72,700	$294,974	$374	$0	$27,621	$395,669
St. Suzanne - Our Lady Gate of Heaven Parish	$94,893	$354,791	$200	$0	$4,656	$454,541

Expense Summary (FY 24/25)

Parish Name	Salary & Benefits	Contractors	Facilities	Other	Capital Expenditures	Total Expenses
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral	$438,196	$156,777	$333,645	$153,005	$100,528	$1,182,151
Christ the King Parish	$746,549	$70,645	$319,505	$113,570	$147,684	$1,397,953
Corpus Christi Parish	$308,608	$130,119	$251,386	$217,074	$74,161	$981,348
Gesu Parish	$2,007,353	$204,456	$475,465	$119,725	($1,139)	$2,805,859
Presentation/Our Lady of Victory Parish	$88,031	$33,687	$12,444	$18,214	$4,267	$156,643
SS. Peter and Paul (Jesuit) Parish	$329,688	$36,003	$130,278	$49,648	$67,564	$613,180
SS. Peter and Paul (Westside) Parish	$386,382	$117,986	$181,937	$213,925	$25,554	$925,783
St. Charles Lwanga Parish	$63,867	$41,837	$145,617	$34,241	$0	$285,561
St. Mary of Redford Parish	$184,428	$34,478	$148,505	$107,006	$16,000	$490,417
St. Moses the Black Parish	$97,797	$34,620	$57,703	$59,793	$12,214	$262,126
St. Peter Claver Parish	$37,196	$36,738	$12,751	$9,721	$0	$96,405
St. Scholastica Parish	$51,458	$47,162	$212,516	$69,282	$10,220	$390,638
St. Suzanne - Our Lady Gate of Heaven Parish	$72,113	$4,297	$195,476	$78,787	$33,583	$384,257

Revenue and Expenses Trend

Fiscal Year	FY22/23			FY23/24			FY24/25		
Parish Name	Revenue	Expenses	Net Surplus (Deficit)	Revenue	Expenses	Net Surplus (Deficit)	Revenue	Expenses	Net Surplus (Deficit)
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral	$1,669,955	$1,303,265	$366,690	$1,248,629	$1,106,954	$141,675	$1,162,618	$1,182,151	($19,533)
Christ the King Parish	$1,204,244	$1,396,386	($192,142)	$1,275,318	$1,226,771	$48,548	$1,124,810	$1,397,953	($273,143)
Corpus Christi Parish	$1,141,840	$1,047,875	$93,966	$960,376	$976,672	($16,296)	$990,726	$981,348	$9,378
Gesu Parish	$2,472,169	$2,728,659	($256,490)	$3,373,756	$3,128,775	$244,981	$2,817,868	$2,805,859	$12,009
Presentation/Our Lady of Victory Parish	$110,850	$166,405	($55,555)	$155,525	$160,200	($4,675)	$139,641	$156,643	($17,002)
SS. Peter and Paul (Jesuit) Parish	$451,370	$436,628	$14,742	$484,380	$465,590	$18,790	$607,367	$613,180	($5,813)
SS. Peter and Paul (Westside) Parish	$999,090	$906,901	$92,189	$883,559	$1,010,951	($127,392)	$940,538	$925,783	$14,754
St. Charles Lwanga Parish	$371,819	$352,603	$19,215	$351,393	$348,188	$3,206	$250,280	$285,561	($35,281)
St. Mary of Redford Parish	$504,366	$596,826	($92,460)	$515,862	$442,762	$73,100	$420,948	$490,417	($69,469)
St. Moses the Black Parish	$329,045	$259,486	$69,559	$302,241	$256,357	$45,884	$267,342	$262,126	$5,216
St. Peter Claver Parish	$86,571	$129,852	($43,280)	$112,804	$110,669	$2,134	$102,485	$96,405	$6,081
St. Scholastica Parish	$322,536	$599,665	($277,129)	$413,770	$421,048	($7,278)	$395,669	$390,638	$5,032
St. Suzanne - Our Lady Gate of Heaven Parish	$414,325	$403,069	$11,256	$405,884	$355,167	$50,717	$454,541	$384,257	$70,284

Asset & Liability Summary (FY 24/25)

Parish Name	Unrestricted Cash/Savings	Restricted Savings	Bills Due	Payable Loans	Net Equity
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral	$443,378	$149,393	$567,606	$0	$1,827,023
Christ the King Parish	$276,146	$0	$7,142	$0	$317,248
Corpus Christi Parish	$887,757	$0	$6,941	$0	$1,540,930
Gesu Parish	$1,385,493	$0	$90,058	$0	$1,118,202
Presentation/Our Lady of Victory Parish	$77,935	$0	$588	$0	$77,691
SS. Peter and Paul (Jesuit) Parish	$972,614	$0	$8,876	$0	$963,075
SS. Peter and Paul (Westside) Parish	$334,072	$0	$42,932	$0	$287,706
St. Charles Lwanga Parish	$42,819	$0	$1,347,266	$521,331	($1,802,595)
St. Mary of Redford Parish	$40,437	$0	$94,028	$0	$170,186
St. Moses the Black Parish	$838,089	$0	$81,096	$2,453,919	($1,690,341)
St. Peter Claver Parish	$57,345	$0	($770)	$0	$58,114
St. Scholastica Parish	$505,494	$0	$3,624	$0	$597,384
St. Suzanne - Our Lady Gate of Heaven Parish	$237,987	$0	$7,037	$0	$248,075

Section Three

Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

Detroit

Parish History

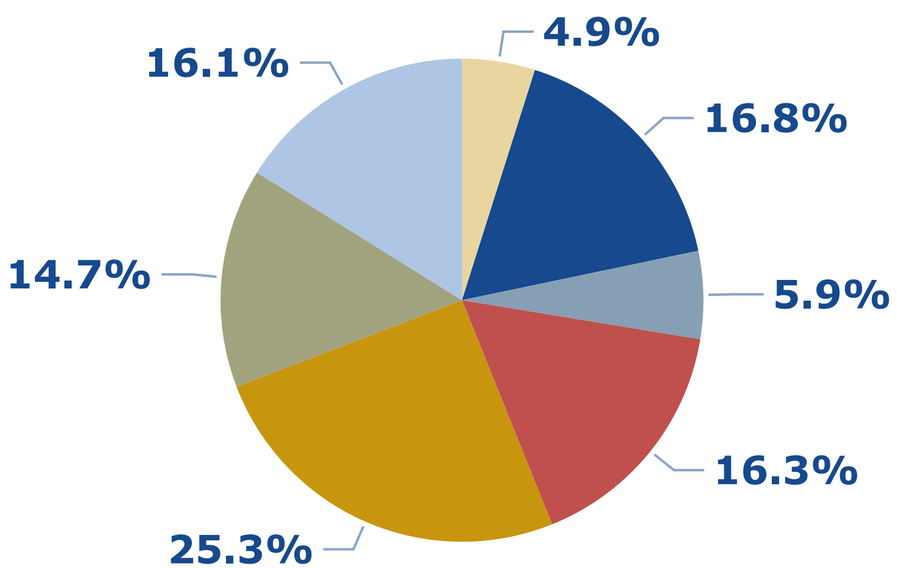
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit was established as a parish in 1905 and elevated to cathedral status in 1938, becoming the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Detroit. Over the years, it has been clustered with several neighboring parishes, including St. Gregory, St. Benedict, Madonna, and others that eventually merged into St. Moses and Our Lady of the Rosary. In 2019, the Cathedral returned to being a single parish. A significant shift occurred in 2017 when the parish was elevated to an apostolic center, serving as a model for the archdiocese's "Unleash the Gospel" initiative. This transformation included changes in parish leadership and governance, positioning Blessed Sacrament as a spiritual and administrative hub for renewal in the city, the archdiocese, and beyond.

The mission of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral is to grow as an Apostolic Center that welcomes people of all backgrounds into the Catholic Church through engaging opportunities in arts, culture, education, and service. The parish fulfills this mission through a wide range of liturgical and formational programs, including Masses, Adoration, relic-enhanced pilgrimages, Bible studies, and gospel-fueled sacramental preparation. Outreach efforts such as food distribution, neighborhood cleanups, and Christian service initiatives reflect their commitment to mercy and hospitality. Parishioners grow through ministries like the Knights of Columbus, Ladies Auxiliary, Cathedral Choir Academy, and seasonal devotions. The Cathedral has partnered with community organizations to create affordable housing and neighborhood gathering spots. They collaborate with the nearby Center for the Works of Mercy, including support of individuals with financial needs totaling $80K over the last 3 years. The Cathedral hosts events that foster spiritual growth and social responsibility, making it a vibrant and welcoming destination for Detroiters and international visitors alike.

US Census Data (Parish Boundary)

Age

- Under 5
- 5-19
- 20-24
- 25-34
- 35-54
- 55-64
- 65+



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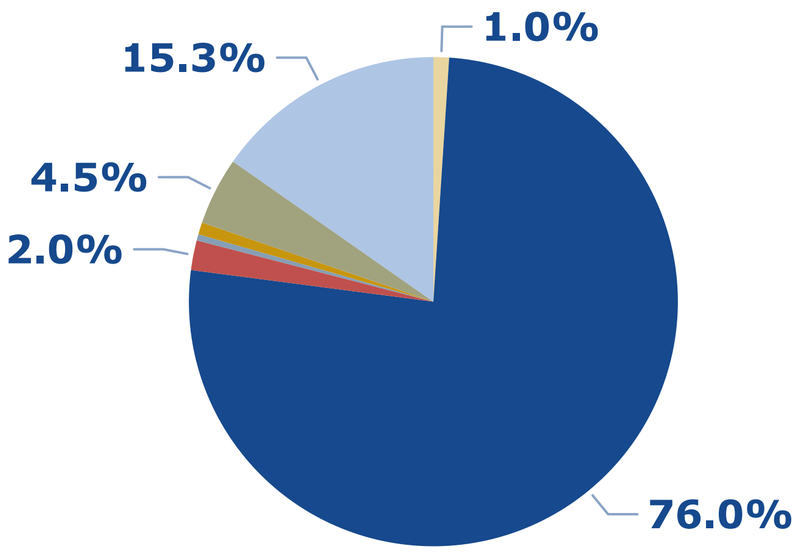
Median Age

Race/Ethnicity

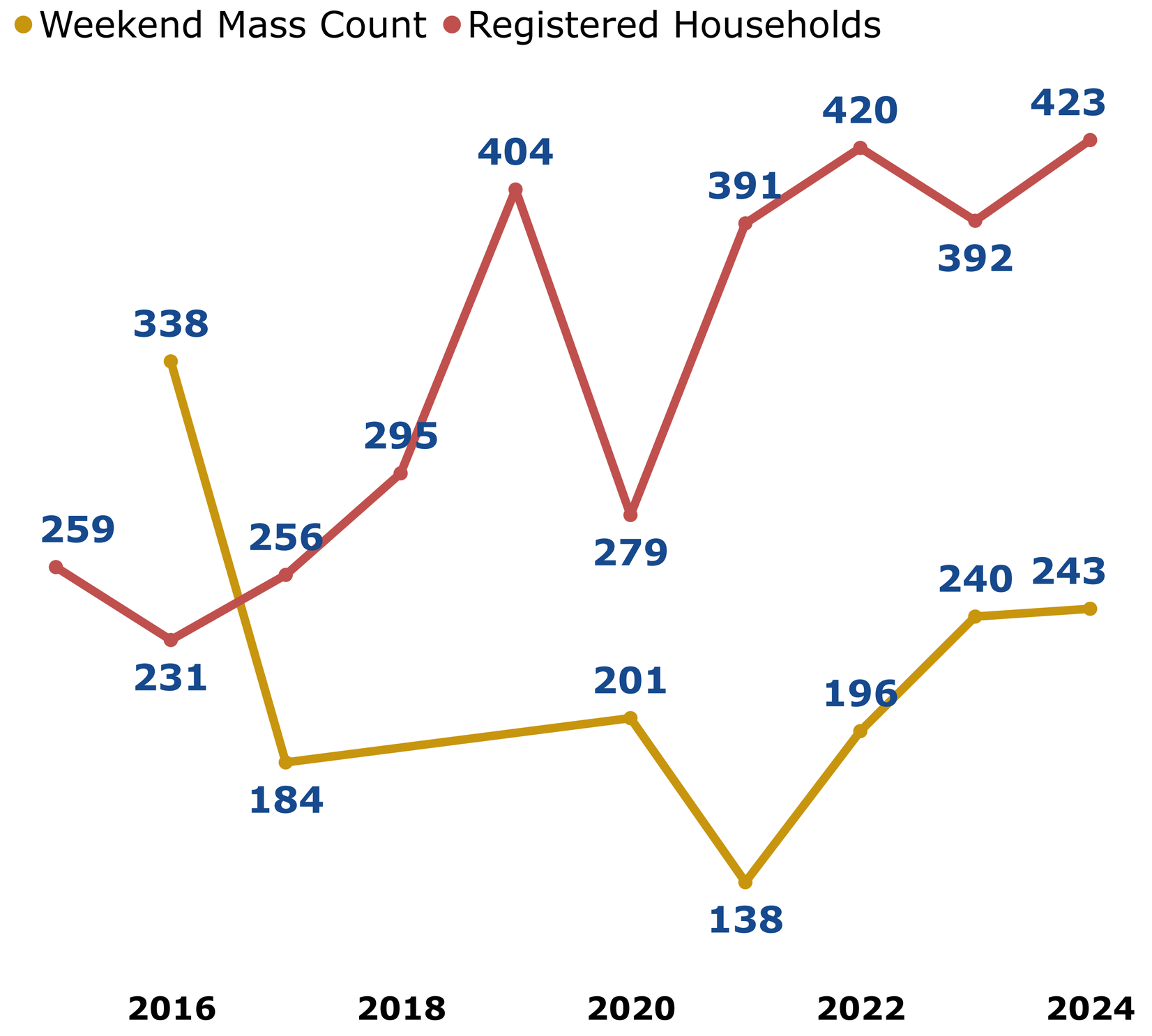
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Black/African American
- Hispanic/Latino
- Native American
- Other Race
- Two or More Races
- White



23,492
Total Population

Source: ACS 2023 (5 Year Average)

Worshipping Households



Number of worship sites

1

Number of weekend masses

1

Seating capacity

850

Mass attendance as a percent of capacity

29%

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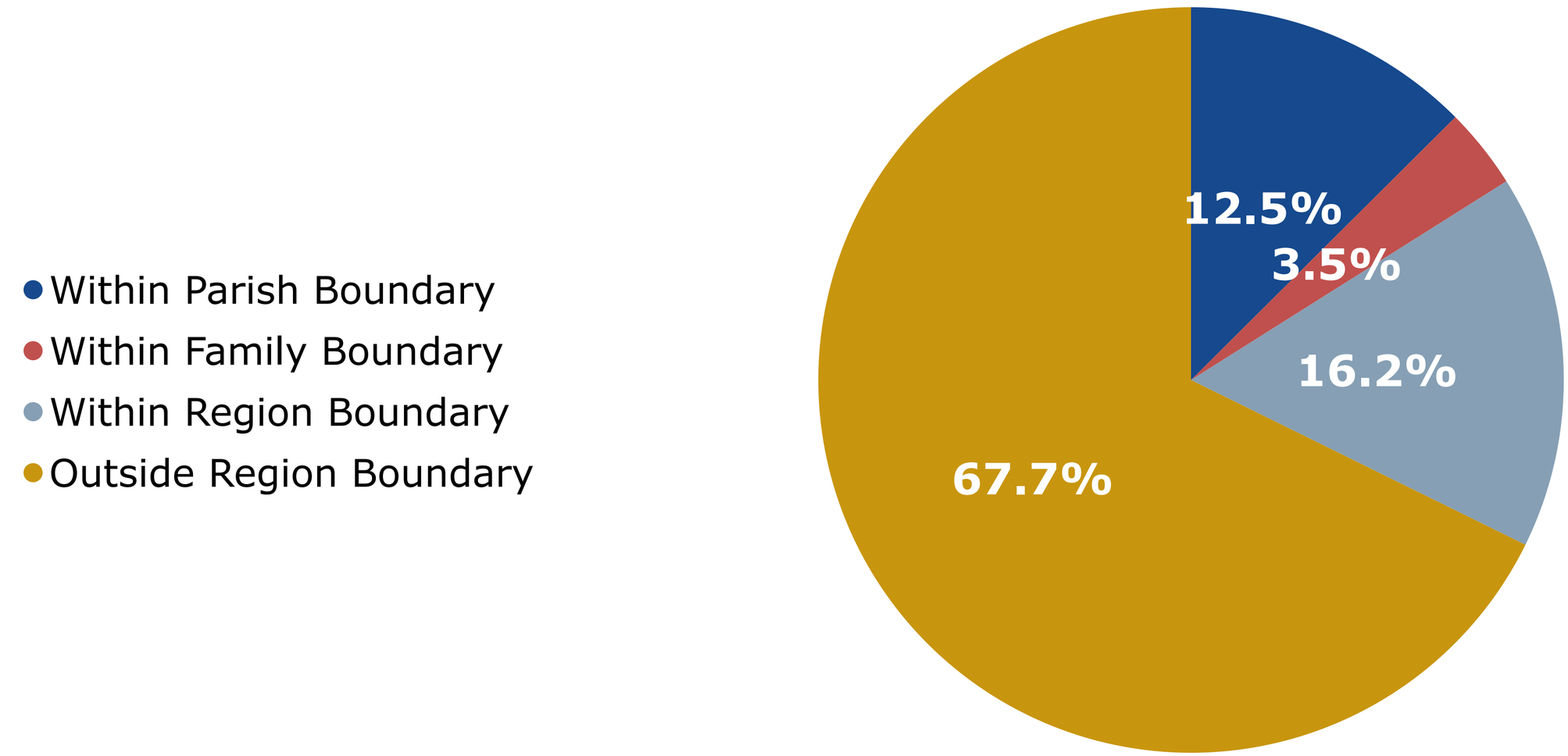
Source: ParishSoft and Parish Reported to AOD

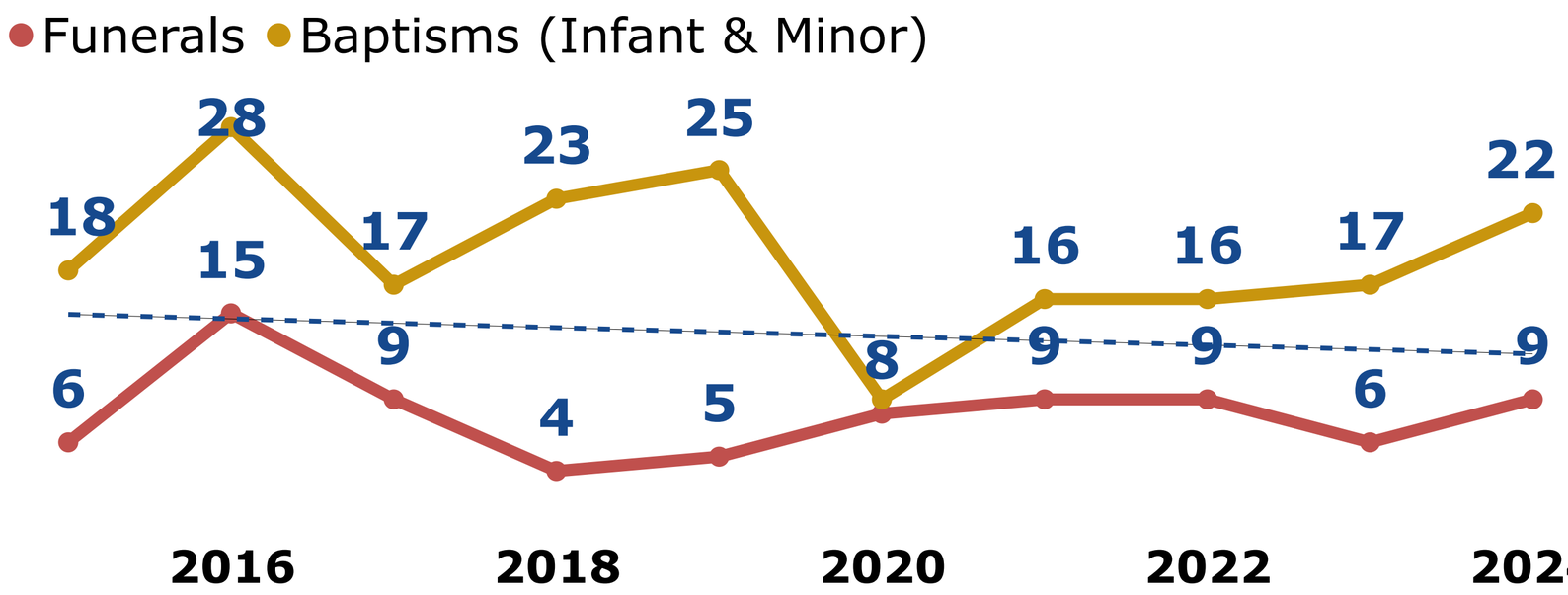
Where Parishioners Live



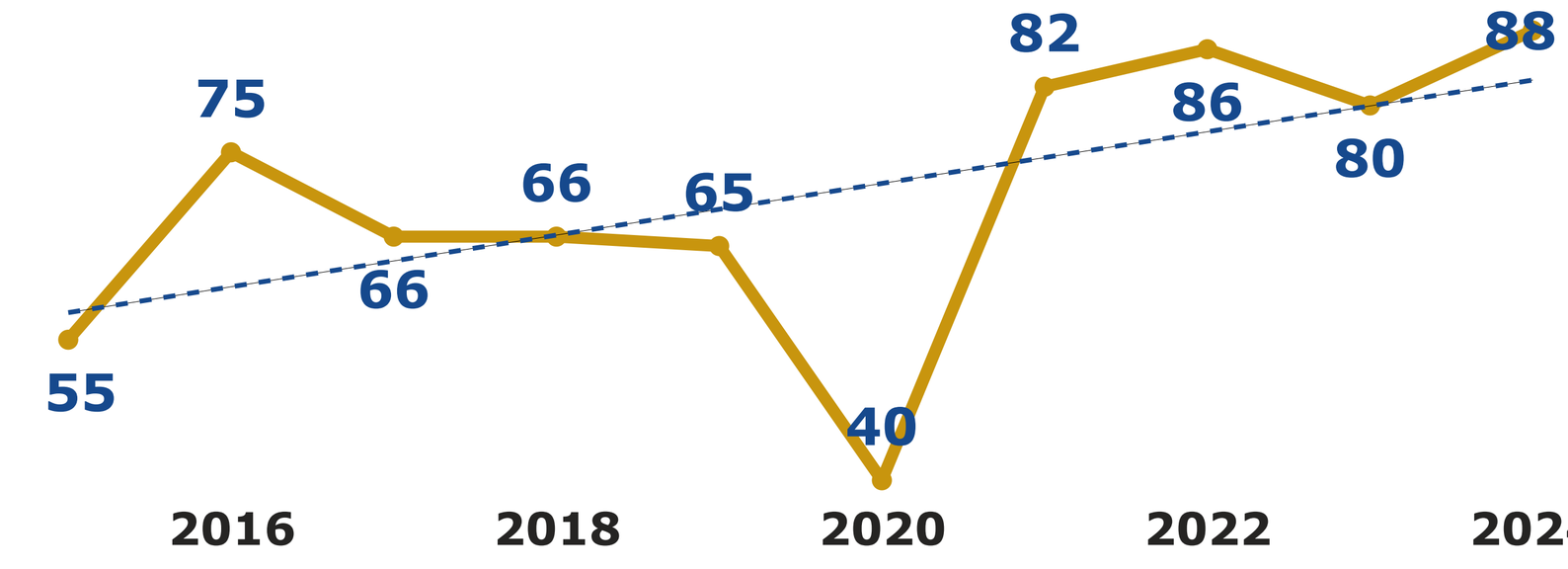
Source: ParishSoft

Sacraments of Life Trend

Funerals and Baptisms



Marriage Trend



Percent Change 2015-2024

Funerals
50.0%

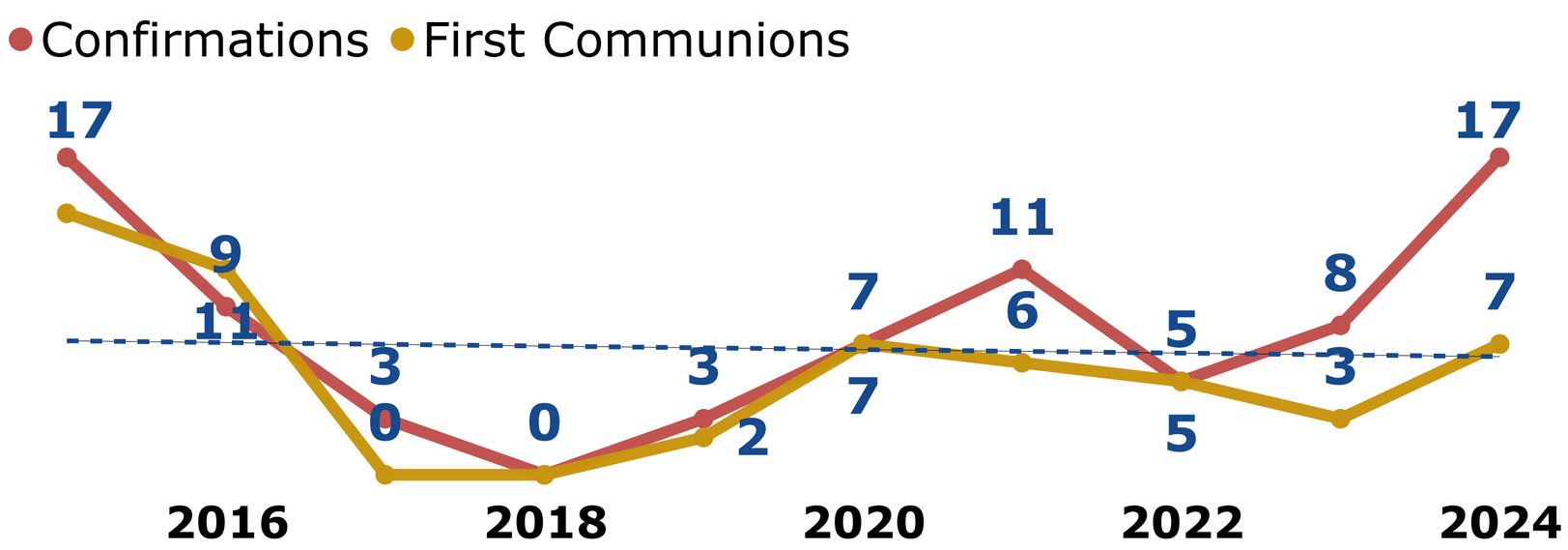
Infant & Minor Baptisms
22.2%

Marriages
60.0%

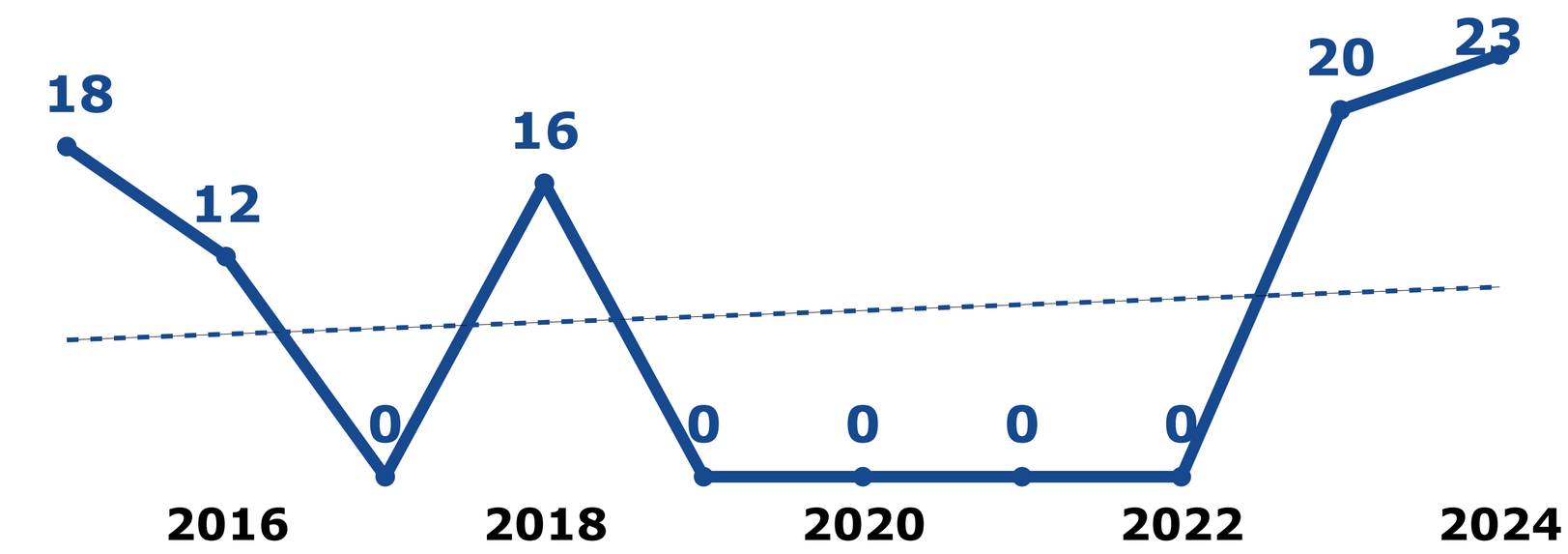
Source: Parish Reported to Official Catholic Directory

Youth Evangelization

Sacramental Trend



Religious Education Enrollment



*Parishes with a school may have included school religious education in the total enrollment number

Percent Change 2015-2024

Confirmations
0.0%

First Communions
-50.0%

Religious Education
27.8%

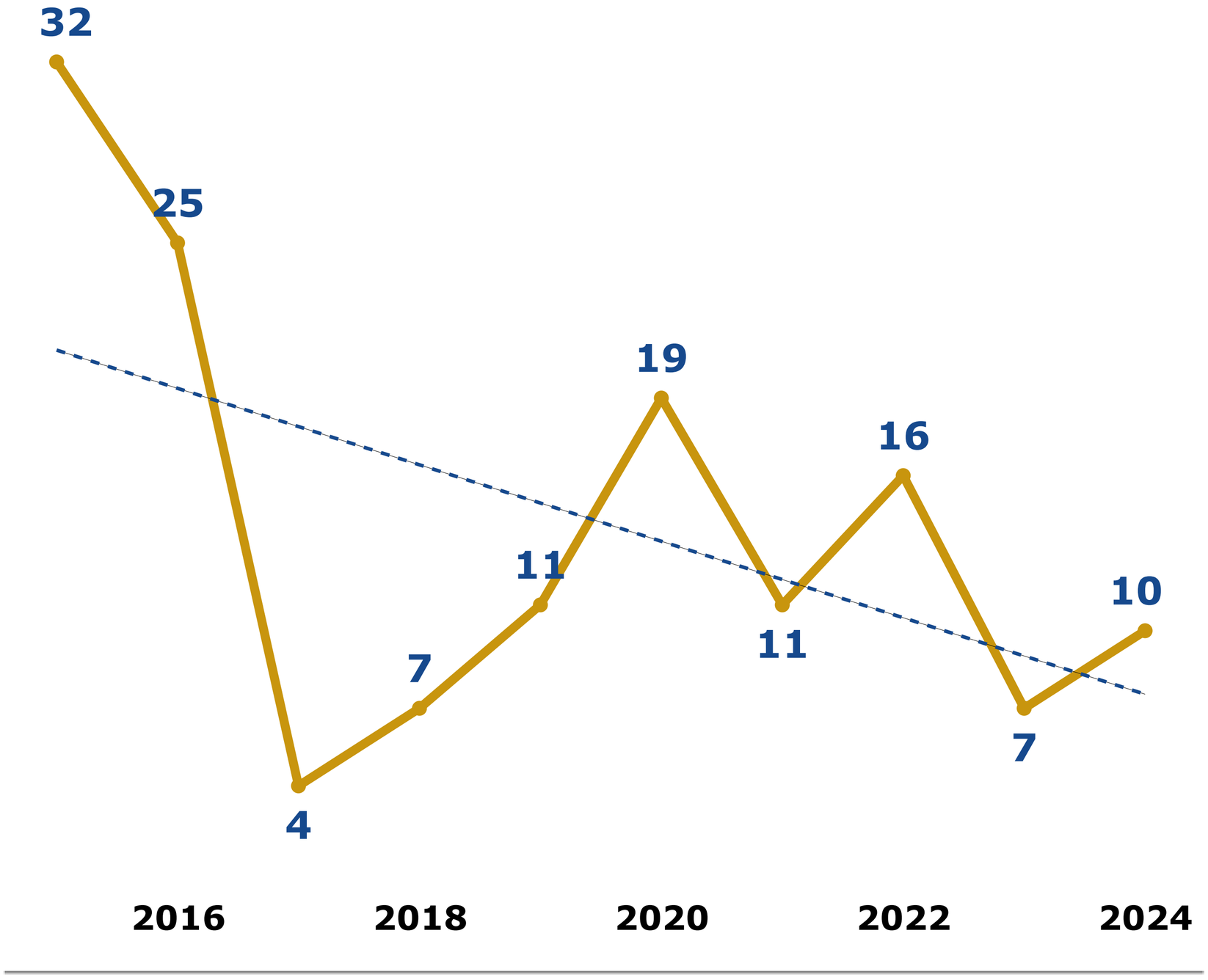
Note: Sacraments may have been registered in another parish hosting a FOP combined event

Source: Parish Reported to Official Catholic Directory

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sacramental Trend

Total Full Communions, Catechumens, Adult Baptisms



Percent Change 2015-2024

Adult Sacraments

-68.8%

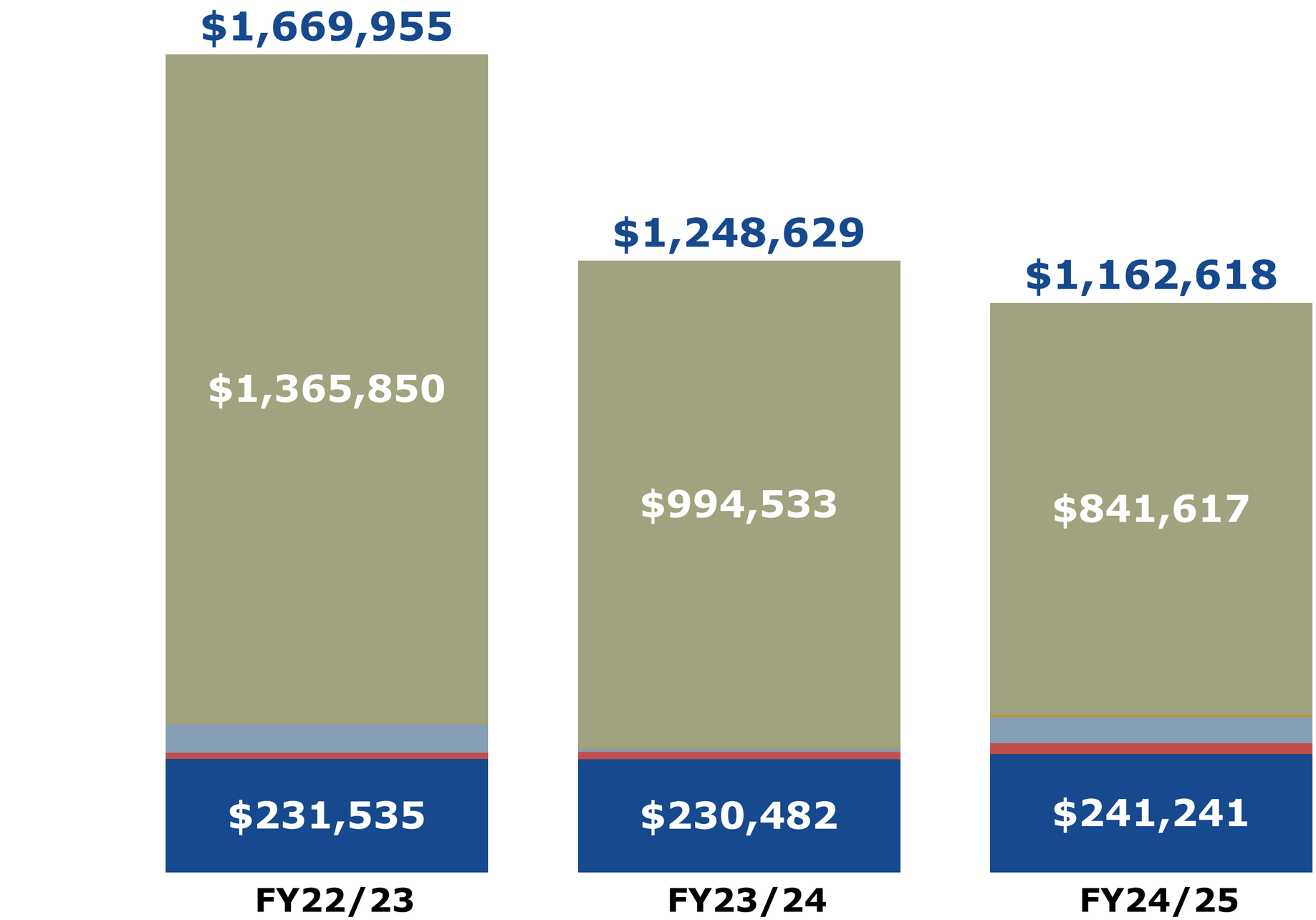
Note: Sacraments may have been registered in another parish hosting a FOP combined event

Source: Parish Reported to Official Catholic Directory

Definitions of data fields appearing on the following pages are provided below.
Financial information as reported by Intacct on June 30th of the last three fiscal years (2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25). If a data point is zero (0), then the parish experiences zero or did not submit information.

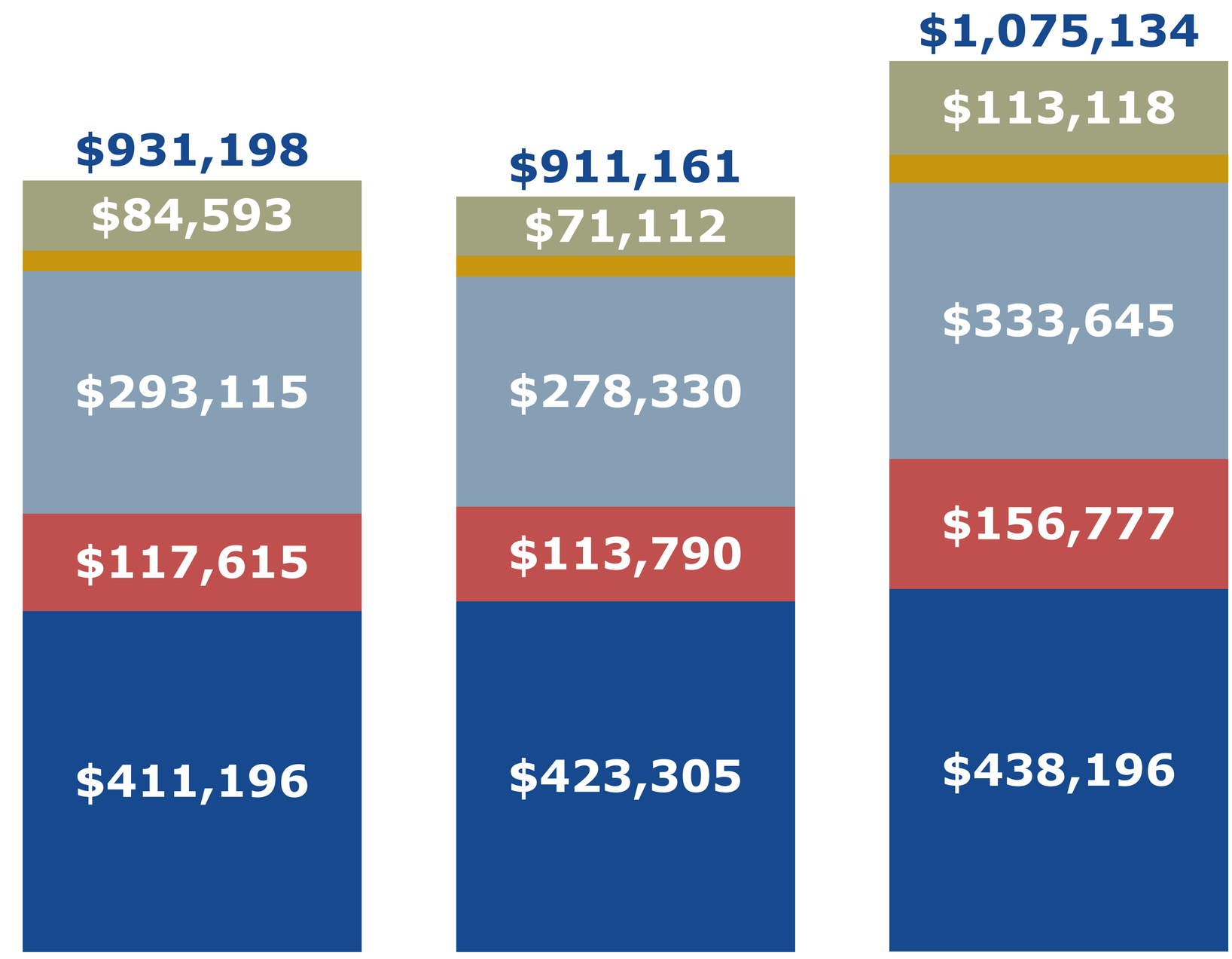
Collections: Funds received as weekly offerings (envelopes, online, loose), Christmas, Holy Days and other marked offerings given.
Other Revenue: All other Operating and Non-Operating funds received, such as donations, event fees, and interest.
Salary & Benefits Expense: Costs related to employee compensation, including wages, payroll taxes, pension, health insurance, and other benefits.
Contractor Expense: Costs related to contractors providing a service to the parish/school, such as Administrative Services and Janitorial.
Facilities Expense: Costs related to building expenses, utilities, and telecommunications.
Other Expense: All other operating expenses not included in the previous categories.
Capital Expense: Costs related to major repairs, renovations and other major building related purchases.
Net Income: Total Revenue minus Total Expenses (includes both Operating and Non-Operating).
Parish Subsidy: Calculated based on the net loss for the school operating unit (Elementary and/or High School).
Parish Tuition Scholarships: Funds donated to an external Catholic school for the purpose of student scholarships.
Cash: The reconciled checking account balance.
Unrestricted Savings: The sum of the unrestricted Detroit Catholic Parishes & Schools Trust account balances.
Endowments: Long-Term investments for the purpose of generating interest income to support operations over time. The endowments are limited to a 5.25% annual distribution.
Donor Restricted Trust: The sum of the restricted Detroit Catholic Parishes & Schools Trust account balances.
Bills Due: Amounts owed to vendors for goods and services received/ordered by not yet paid for.
Payable Loans: Amounts owed to lenders or financial institutions (Archdiocese of Detroit) that must be repaid over time, often with interest.
Other Liabilities: Other amounts owed by the parish/school, including any tuition collected prior to the start of the school year.

Revenue | 3 Year Trend



Source: Financial Data reported per Intacct on 9/16/2025

Operating Expenses | 3 Year Trend



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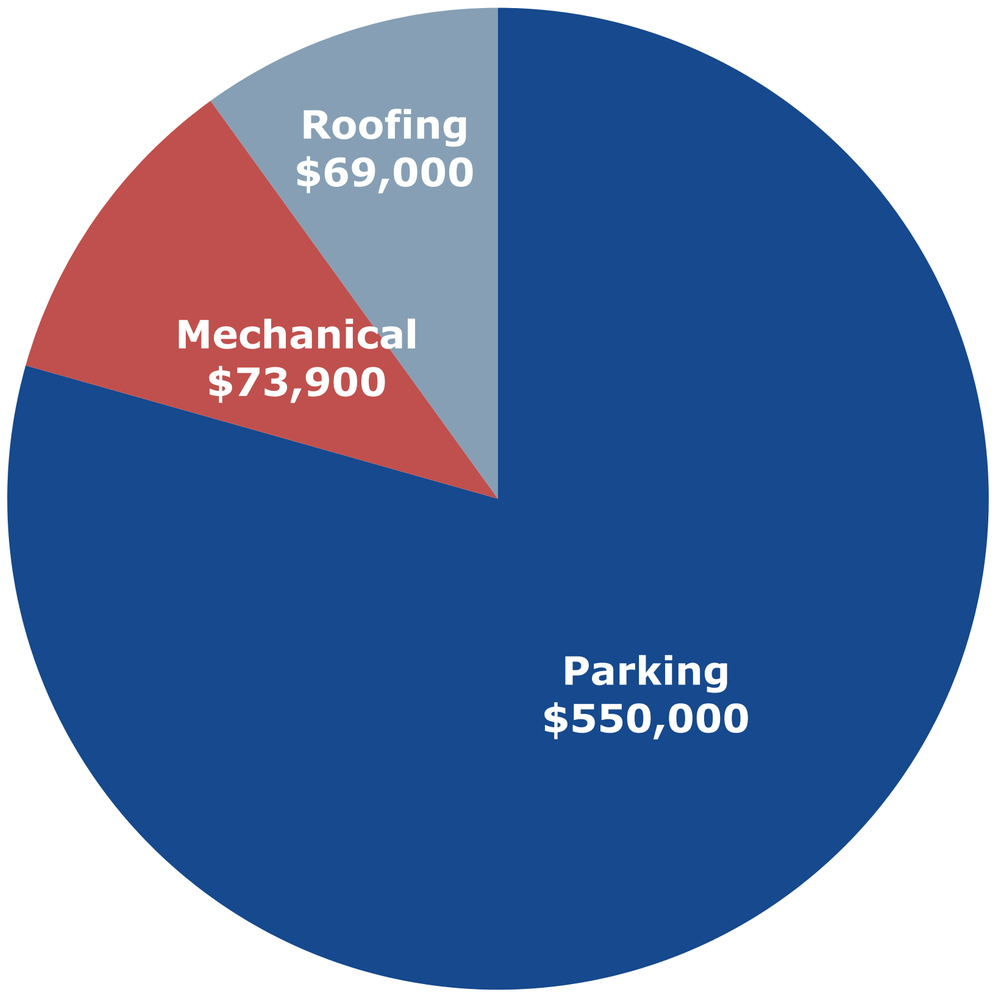
Parish Deferred Maintenance

Maintenance Required

$692,900

Total Estimated Cost



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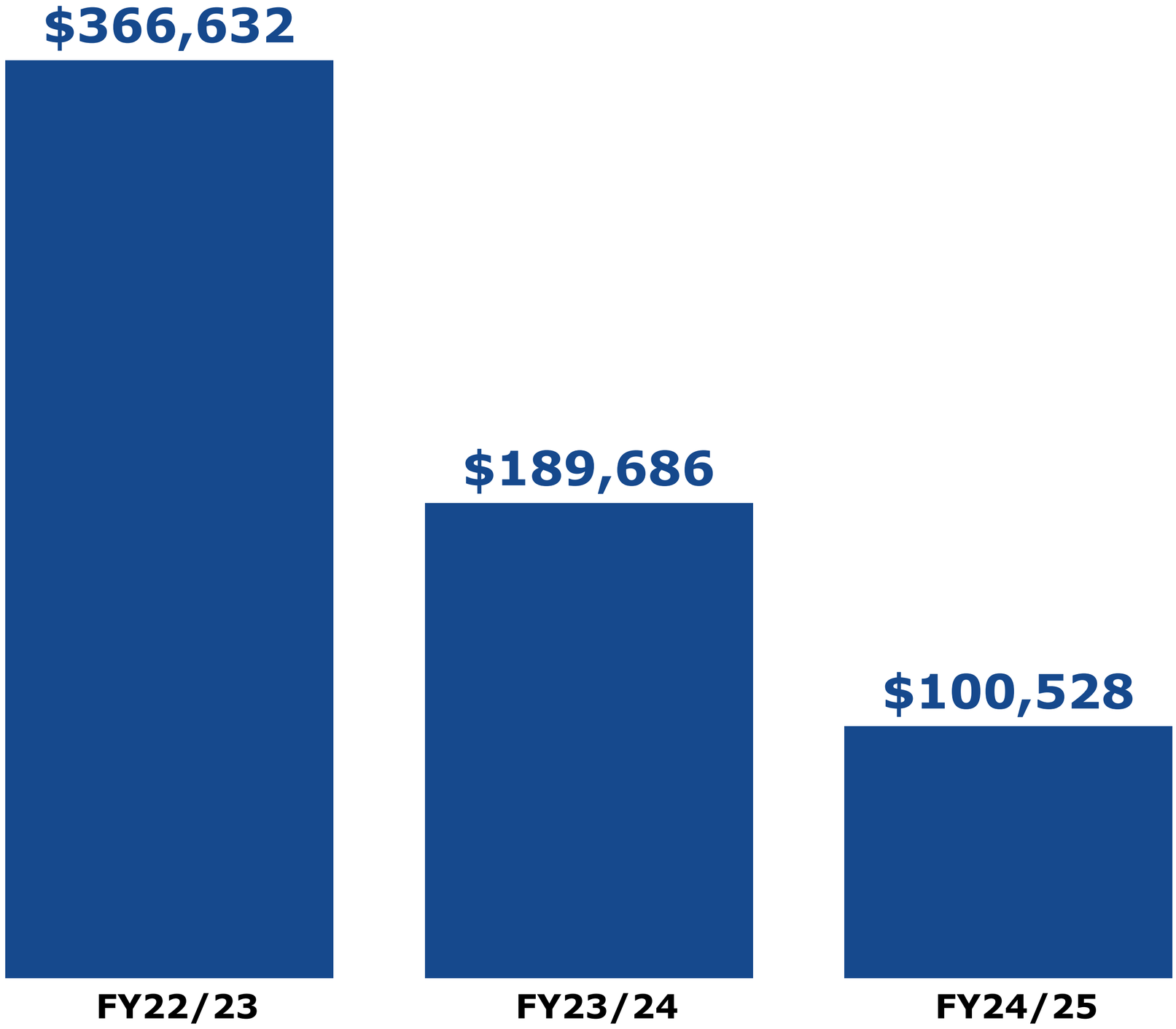
Evaluation Report Date

Source: Property Condition Evaluation

Capital Expenses | 3 Year Trend



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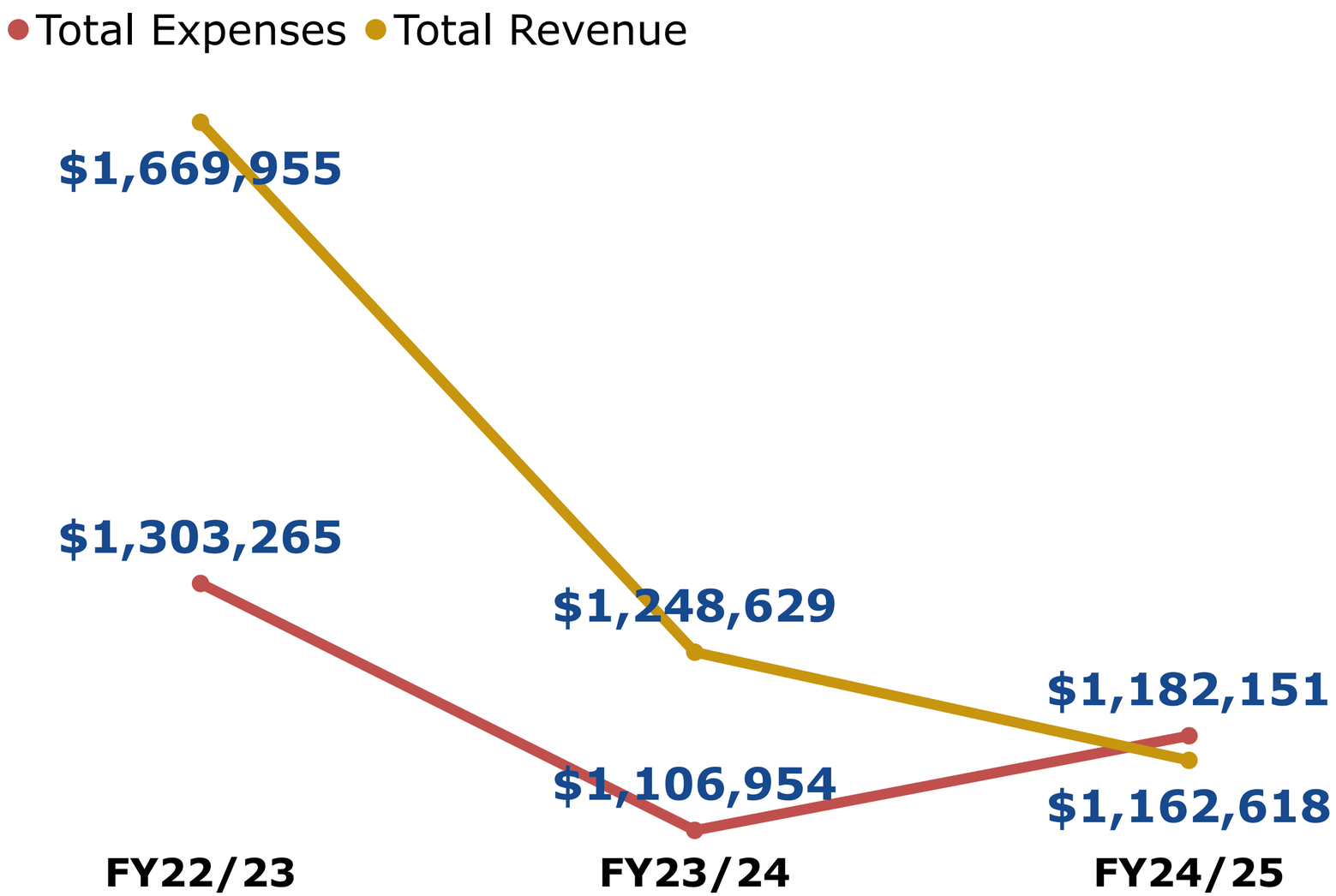
Revenue and Expenses



Net Income/(Deficit)

FY22/23	FY23/24	FY24/25
$366,690	$141,675	($19,533)

The relationship between revenue and expense shows net surplus/(deficit).

A higher yellow line (revenue) shows a positive net income in a given year.

A higher red line (expense) shows a negative net income in a given year.

Source: Financial Data reported per Intacct on 9/16/2025

Catholic Education Investment

Parish Subsidy for Catholic School

Parish Tuition Scholarships

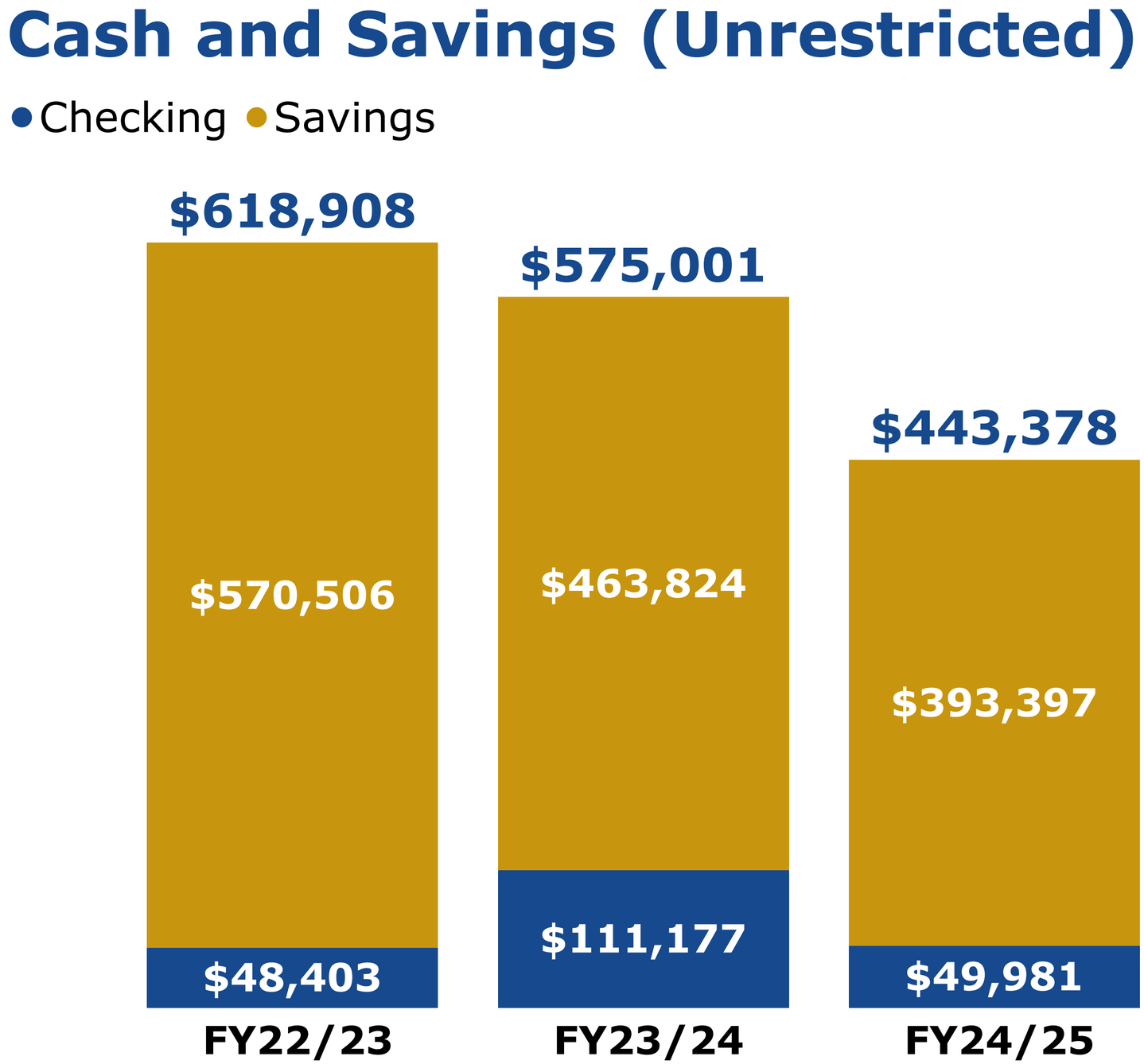
Parish subsidies fill the gap between tuition and school operating expenses for parishes with a school.

Parish Tuition Scholarships are parish funds used to help cover tuition costs for students attending Catholic Schools outside of the parish.

Source: Financial Data reported per Intacct on 9/16/2025

Savings & Investments Keys for Sustainability

Cash and Savings (Unrestricted)



An increase of cash and savings usually means the parish is doing well financially. It also means they are better prepared to handle surprise costs or tough times.

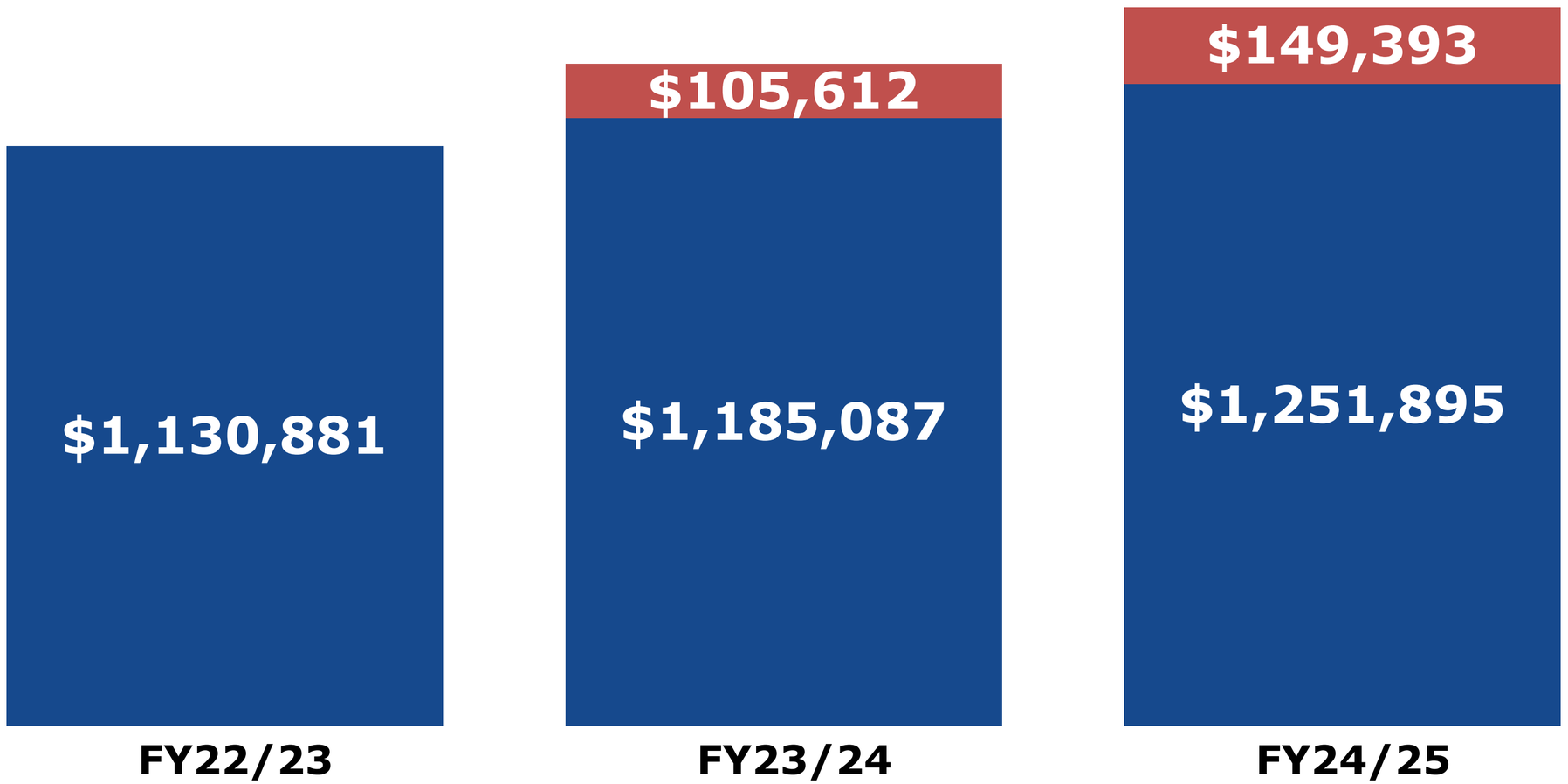
If cash and savings goes down, it may mean a parish is spending more, or collecting less. Having less cash can make it harder to deal with unexpected expenses. Sometimes, this drop is planned—like using savings for big projects or repairs.

Source: Financial Data reported per Intacct on 9/16/2025

Savings & Investments
Keys for Sustainability

Savings & Endowments (Restricted)

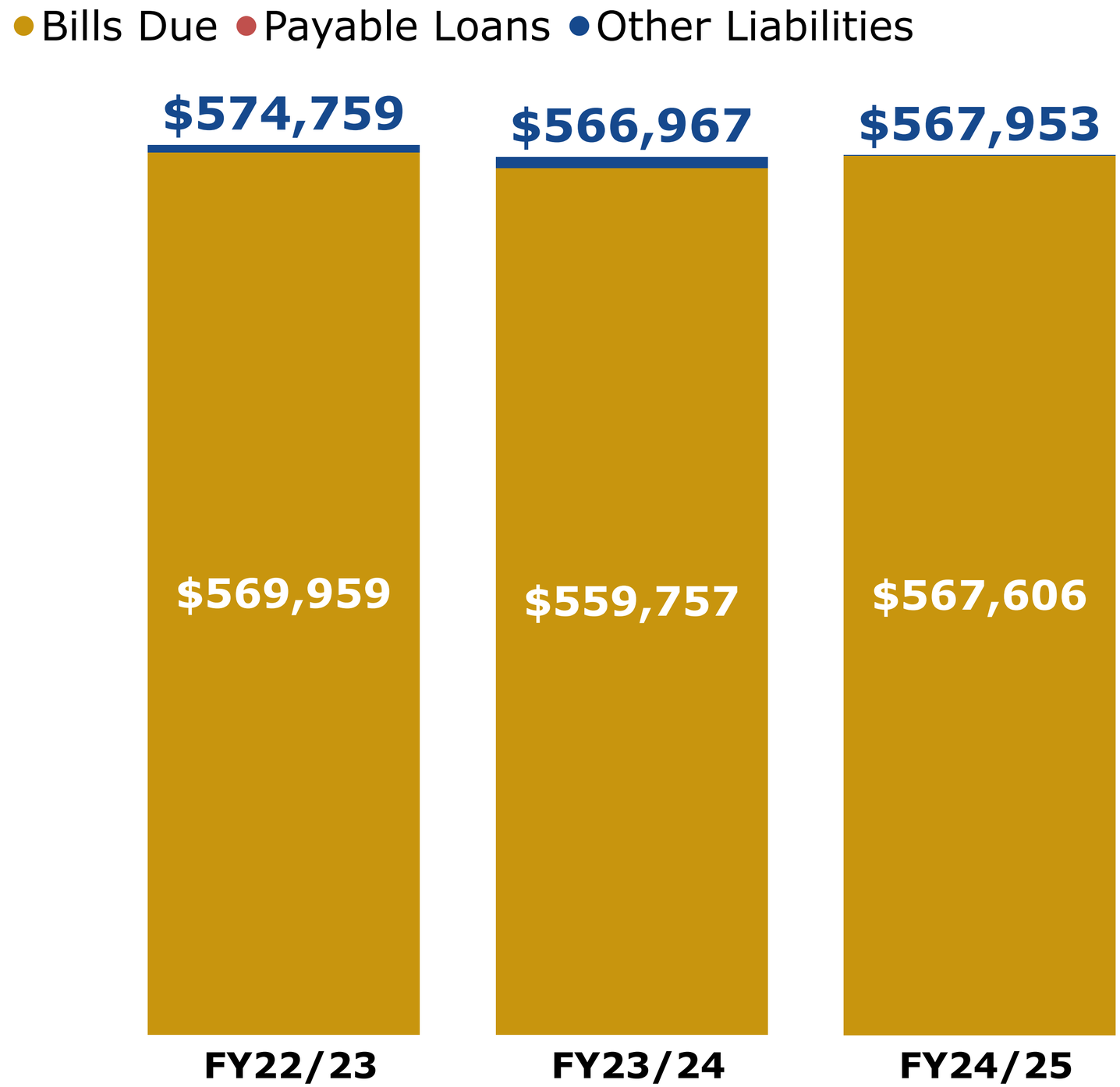
● Endowments ● Donor Restricted Trust



Note: AOD Endowments are limited to a 5.25% annual distribution

Source: Financial Data reported per Intacct on 9/16/2025

Debts and Liabilities



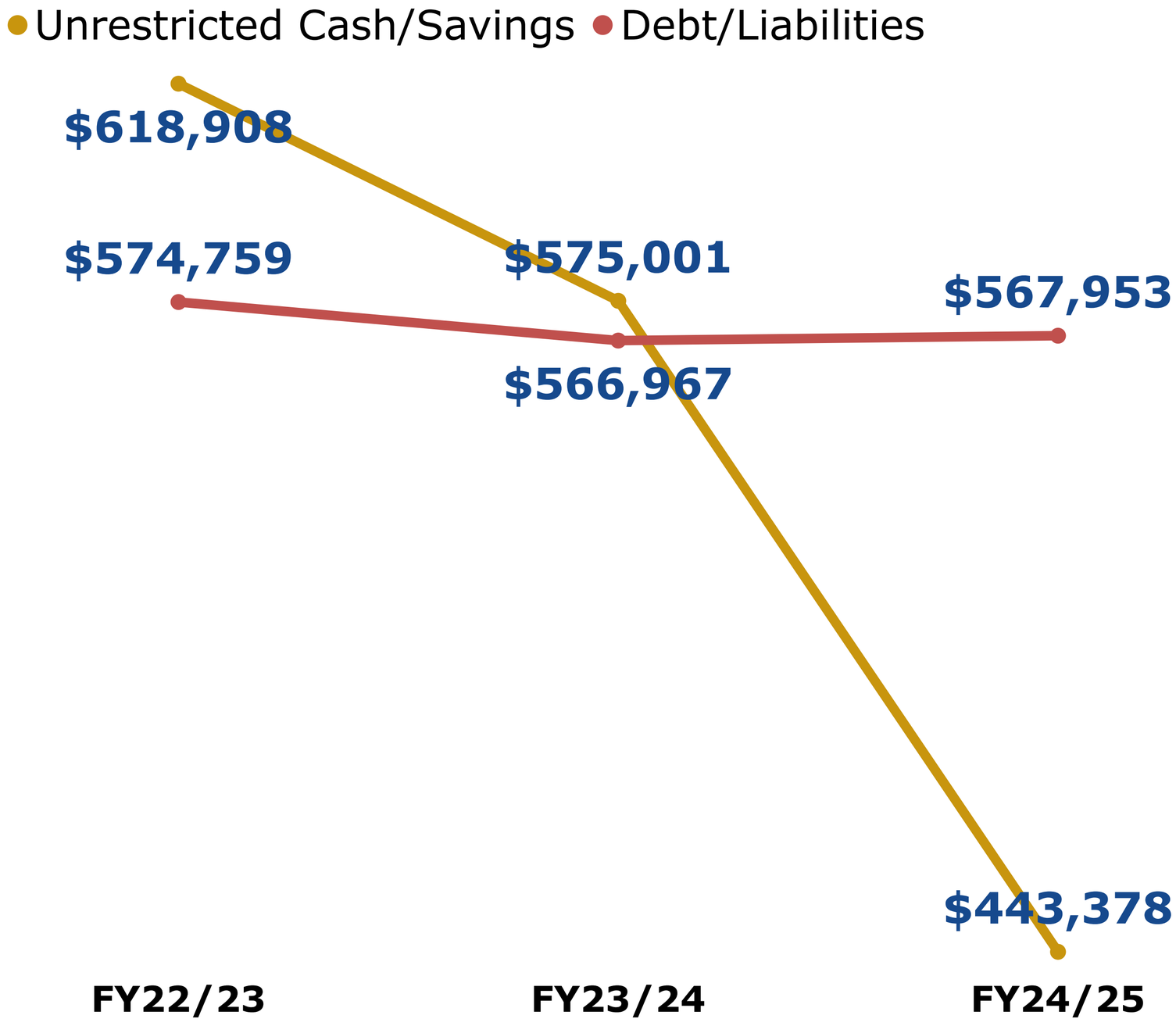
Debt going up, may mean a parish is having trouble with money or not bringing in enough cash. More debt also means more risk, especially if income isn't growing.

If debt is going down, that's usually a good sign. It means the parish is paying off what it owes and becoming more financially stable. It could also mean they're spending wisely and managing money better.

Source: Financial Data reported per Intacct on 9/16/2025

Assets and Liabilities

Relationship of Assets and Liabilities



The relationship between your Assets and Liabilities shows your net equity (net surplus/deficit) over time.

A higher **yellow** line (Unrestricted Cash/Savings) shows your parish holds more cash than you owe out.

A higher **red** line (liabilities) shows you owe more out than your parish holds in cash.

Note: Cash does not include any funds due, but not yet paid (e.g. Tuition Receivable)

Source: Financial Data reported per Intacct on 9/16/2025

Contextual Comments

FY23 spending was elevated due to the Cathedral's major Journey with the Saints project and a $148K air conditioning unit installed in March 2023; since then, capital investments have returned to sustainable levels.

FY24 numbers include costs associated with the installation of the dog park funded entirely through AFGS fundraising, not parish operating funds

Over the last three years the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral has seen a 88% increase in the number of people contributing at least once annually to the Cathedral for weekly mass. This does not include special events or Christmas.

The Cathedral's liabilities are primarily tied to a structured repayment to the Archdiocese of Detroit from the sale of property to MHT for the Cathedral Apartment project. Importantly, this liability does not impact parish operations or draw from offertory, grants, or parish-held reserves.

The Cathedral's lower cash position is temporary, driven by recent use of AFGS funds for project costs. A developer disbursement in November will reduce development debt and restore AFGS savings, improving financial flexibility and balance sheet strength by year-end.

The decline from FY 22/23 to FY 23/24 was due to a 1x property sale in FY 22/23 in the amount of $467,217. Revenue from collections/donations for the last four reflects a stable offertory.

The reduction trend related to unrestricted savings reflects the strategic use of resources to fund key capital and liturgical investments, most notably the Journey with the Saints project through the AFGS campaign. While these funds were raised with specific donor intent, they were categorized as unrestricted based on accounting treatment.

Wage increases remain modest and tied to cost-of-living, while benefits improved with the Cathedral covering 90% of health premiums (vs. 100% at other parishes), reflecting cost control without harming staff wellbeing. Staffing efficiencies introduced in July 2025 will yield modest savings as spending trends return toward 2022 levels.

While FY 22/23 and FY 23/24 had surpluses, FY24/25 projects a $19,533 deficit driven by structural challenges: a large historic campus supported by a small parish base. Declining external support, without proportional offertory or earned income growth, has intensified pressure on the operating budget (see slide 10 for FY22/23 revenue context).